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PITTA BREAD LINE: Eric Pickles, front left, at the opening of Harlow Kebab

Eric Pickles enjoys his tasty stop-off

POLITICAL heavyweight Eric Pickles tucked into a takeaway at a kebab shop during his visit to Harlow this week.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government was in town to mark the start of construction work at the former Nortel site in London Road, part of the multi-million pound Harlow Enterprise Zone project.

But first he joined MP Robert Halfon for the official opening of Harlow Kebab at Clifton Hatch where he was treated to a lamb shish.

"The kebabs are very nice and I'm sure the shop will be a big success," said Mr Pickles. Owner Rehmat Khan,



ON A PLATE: Eric Pickles and Harlow MP Robert Halfon tuck into a kebab

who was born in Pakistan, said: "The shop is a wedding gift for my daughter who will take over from me."

"I am very happy with Mr Pickles' visit and it was very nice to see everyone here for our official opening."

POLICE BAFFLED BY MAN FOUND IN ROAD

Officers trying to establish how resident was knocked unconscious

Gemma Gardner

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TWO weeks after a man was found unconscious and suffering from serious facial injuries in a street in Harlow, police are still trying to establish what happened to him.

The man, who has not been named by police but who is in his 60s and lives in the town, remains in a critical condition in hospital.

Detectives investigating the mystery, which is being treated as an assault, have appealed for

information to help them piece together the circumstances which led to his injuries.

What is known is that police received a report at 11.35pm on Friday, February 6 that a man had been found unconscious in Mar-dyke Road.

Paramedics from the East of England Ambulance Service attended the scene shortly before police were alerted.

Two ambulances were sent to the scene to treat the victim and he was taken to Princess Alexandra Hos-

pital for further assessment and care.

Police said this week they want to trace a man wearing a grey hooded top who assisted the paramedics.

■ Anyone with any information about what happened is asked to contact detectives at Harlow CID on the Essex Police non-emergency 101 number.

Alternatively, information can be given to the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Suspect in assault arrested after appeal

A MAN wanted for questioning about an assault on a Harlow man in Cheshunt on Friday has been arrested after an appeal in the media.

Police still want to hear anyone who witnessed the incident, which happened in Crossbrook Street at about 7.10pm.

It is believed that, after a brief altercation, the suspect attacked the 32-year-old victim with a

Stanley knife, causing injuries to his head and chest. The victim walked away but was followed by the offender who then kicked and punched him. He was later taken to hospital.

A police spokesman said: "While the injuries sustained during the incident were serious, they were not considered to be life-threatening. It was, however, a terrifying attack."

Robert Halfon MP

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Frank Bruno joins Robert Halfon at his Harlow Jobs Fair

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- Harlow unemployment has been halved and apprenticeships are up by 106%.
- Robert Halfon helped secure £10m of Government funding for a brand new pre-apprentice Sir Charles Kao University Technical College (UTC).
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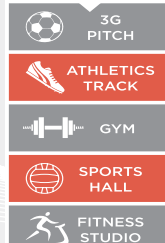


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Pickles hails fantastic opportunities for young people

What they said



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HARLOW'S future as "the enterprise capital of the east of England" was forecast by Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Eric Pickles when he visited the town on Monday.

Mr Pickles was shown round the former Nortel site in London Road which is being turned into a state-of-the-art data centre and business park as part of the multi-million pound Harlow Enterprise Zone project.

More than £50m has been invested into the project on the 20-acre site, most of which has been unoccupied for several years. It is expected in excess of 1,000 new jobs will be created when it opens in the summer of 2016.

Mr Pickles, wearing a hard hat, high-viz jacket and boots, was accompanied by Harlow MP Robert Halfon, town councillors and senior members of site developers and managers Goldacre Ventures, the Homes and Communities Agency and the Harlow Enterprise Zone Board.

"Harlow is steeped in history as the birthplace of fibre optics and 3G and I can see it becoming the enterprise capital of the east of England," he said.



ON SITE: Left, Eric Pickles with Harlow MP Robert Halfon and Harlow Council deputy leader Tony Durcan and, right, with Harlow Council leader Jon Clempner

Eric Pickles
Secretary of State

"It's proof our long-term economic plan is on track, delivering for both business and hard-working people."

Robert Halfon
Harlow MP

"This is a proud day for Harlow. I once said that Harlow is the culture capital of the east of England and now I think it can be the enterprise capital too. The Enterprise Zone will help transform Harlow's future and will provide jobs for Harlow residents as well as helping young people through a massive apprentice programme."

Cllr Jon Clempner
Harlow Council

"The last year has seen a real acceleration in the delivery of the Enterprise Zone. Harlow Council has been driving this forward with the help of central government and I'm delighted that construction company Pryor, which employs local residents, is working with the site's owners to create Harlow's tomorrow."

David Bloom
Goldacre Ventures

"Our plans to create a business park and data centre campus will ensure the preservation of the site's rich telecommunications, media and technology heritage."

John Keddie
Harlow EZ Board

"We are delighted to see significant progress at the Harlow Enterprise Zone over recent months and I am pleased the Government has recognised the hard work and commitment from our public and private partners. We will continue to explore new opportunities for further development and promote the scale of opportunity this major investment location brings."

Cllr Kevin Bentley
Essex County Council

"The Harlow Enterprise Zone is going to have an amazing transformational effect on Harlow, Essex and the wider region. It is a tremendously exciting project which will undoubtedly breathe new life into the area, bringing new high quality jobs and boosting economic growth."

largely a construction site, an announcement is expected soon on the first clients who will move to the site.

David Bloom, chief executive of Goldacre Ventures, described Mr Pickles' visit as a "massive vote of confidence in our ambitions to provide a world class data centre campus and business park that will play an important part in the long term future of Harlow and the London-Cambridge corridor".

Although the Enterprise Zone is still

In brief

Teen mugger snatches 84-year-old's handbag

A TEENAGE mugger who snatched the handbag of an 84-year-old woman while she was walking to her home in Old Harlow is being hunted by police.

The victim was followed by the thief who grabbed her bag as she entered Guilford from Old Road at about 3pm on Saturday.

He then ran off and got into a black BMW which was driven off at speed along Old Road and in to Cambridge Road.

The bag, which is purple with copper clasps, contained a black purse, a small amount of cash, keys, a £20 M&S voucher and bank cards. The woman suffered a hand injury and was left shaken by the incident.

The thief is described as white about 15-years-old and 5ft 6ins tall. He was wearing a grey hooded top and dark coloured bottoms. The driver of the BMW is around 30 with a slim face and short dark hair.

Anyone with information about the robbery should contact DC Laura Cuthbert at Harlow CID on 101.

Questions of business

POLITICAL rivals battling to win the Harlow seat in May's General Election will be quizzed by owners of small businesses at a hustings event in April.

The question-and-answer session is being organised by the Federation of Small Businesses to give the candidates the opportunity to share their views and ideas on what the next government should do to.

The hustings takes place at the Harlow Business Enterprise Hub, in Edinburgh Way, on Thursday, April 23. For full details and to book a place, visit www.fsb.org.uk/essex.

Peugeot driver appeal

POLICE investigating a road accident in Old Harlow last month are trying to trace the driver of a bronze-coloured Peugeot 206 which was seen in the area at the time.

A black Ford Fiesta and a red Nissan Juke were in collision at the mini roundabout at the junction of Station Road and Jocelyns at about 5.35pm on Saturday, January 31.

The driver of the Fiesta, an 84-year-old man from Ongar, was taken ill after the accident. It is believed he suffered a heart attack and was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital where he died the following day.

Anyone who saw the collision is asked to contact PC Natacha Brown at the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 101.

Owls that! Birds of prey are a hit with the kids



WHAT A HOOT: Left and middle, Charlotte Charles and Alby Jamieson with a Barn Owl; right, Sean Ovonien with a Scops Owl

CHILDREN came face-to-beak with birds of prey when six owls were taken into their school.

Youngsters in the reception class at Roydon Primary, in Epping Road, got

the chance to hold the birds and were treated to a flying display by a barn owl.

Head of school Gill Doyle said: "The owl handlers told the children all

about the eating habits, habitats and characteristics of the owls.

The display was organised by Owl Time, whose teams of handlers visit schools free of charge.

Guilty: the couple who gave Towie stars their smiles

Court Reporter

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A MOTHER and son who run a tooth-whitening business in Harlow which claims celebrities from reality television shows *The Only Way Is Essex* and *Geordie Shore* among its customers have been convicted of running the practice unlawfully.

Chelmsford Magistrates Court was told that Towie stars James Lock, Danielle Armstrong and Bobby Norris and *Geordie Shore*'s Gary Beadle were featured on the website of Essex Smiles, a company run Joanne Wheatley, 44, of The Maples, Harlow, and her son Cane, 24, of Berecroft, Harlow.

But undercover investigators posed as potential customers in response to complaints received by the General Dental Council about the company based in Wych Elm, Harlow.

This week the Wheatleys were found guilty of not being registered with the General Dental Council and unlawfully holding themselves out to be prepared to practise dentistry.

Although they both denied the charge against them, chairman of the bench Barry Wilden said the magis-



FINED: Essex Smiles at Wych Elm

trates found neither defendants' evidence credible.

Fallon Alexis, prosecuting on behalf of the GDC, told the court the procedure of whitening teeth could only be undertaken by a registered professional dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or clinical dental technician. Neither of the Wheatleys were registered with the council.

Cane Wheatley told the court he started Essex Smiles in 2012. After receiving a warning letter from the GDC in September 2013 he changed his practice immediately and had only sold whitening products since.

Customers could buy the kits to use

at home or at the business premises where they were able to take advantage of a more powerful lamp to speed up the process while watching a film in comfort.

His said the kits were the same as those sold in high street stores including Boots, Superdrug, Tesco and Argos, adding he no longer offered treatment or advice and that he never stated there was a registered dentist supervising as alleged.

Joanne Wheatley said she worked as a receptionist and assisted clients using the kits in-house.

However, magistrate Mr Wilkden told them: "We are satisfied that you held yourselves out as practising or being prepared to practise dentistry."

"What we found consistent throughout was the term treatment being used on every occasion."

Cane Wheatley was fined £2,000 with £2,720 costs while his mother was fined £800 with £1,080 costs.

Speaking after the hearing, Wheatley said he would continue trading. "The verdict will probably not affect the business too much, it was made not on the law but on the merit of the witnesses," he added.

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Caution over school places

SIR Most people reading the lead story in the February 5 edition will welcome the announcement by Essex County Council regarding its intentions of increasing by hundreds the number school places for Harlow children over the next five years.

However, for those of us with previous experience of dealing with ECC, may I urge a very strong note of caution. In particular, may I draw attention to the unattributed statement issued from County Hall regarding its inability to give further details on exact locations or the nature of additional places "before consultations have begun with schools, staff, parents, children and the community".

This wide commitment is practically identical to that uttered as the precursor to ECC machinations on the future of Brays Grove School which incredibly then concluded with the closure of Passmores School instead. How or why this came about remains one of the great mysteries that have befallen Harlow.

Public meetings were held at Brays Grove where the ECC case was difficult to budge. Falling pupil intake and the financial consequences, driven by parental choice to send their children elsewhere, were the major reasons given against Brays Grove's future viability. Despite an further official appeal to ECC the case was lost.

Next for totally unexplained reasons the spotlight then switched to Passmores. Here the complete opposite was the case in all educational achievement terms, pupil intake, finance and the buildings structure. This became crystal clear during two well-attended public meetings held in that school hall.

The good and the great on the platform had no case to pitch except that they would build a brand new state-of-the-art school to replace Passmores. The audience did not buy into this needless and baseless vandalism and were solidly opposed for many reasons to the proposition. Over two hundred people were present when a show of hands was virtually unanimously against.

Moreover Passmores was, and still remains, in the perfect position relative to the needs of the community it served. It now stands as a monument to the duplicity of publicly announced

READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK

■ This week's photo was sent in by Steve Henson, of Berecroft, Harlow, who writes: "I took it on on Rye Hill Road while on the way home from work. I had seen it a couple of times before but I did not know what it was apart from a beautiful species. I asked several people on a media site who confirmed it is a buzzard."

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assurances and the reality pre-ordained decisions.

During the interval that lapsed between the decision to close Brays Grove and Passmores governors being enticed into the mix, a well-known local figure announced that it was imperative for a secondary school to be retained in south east Harlow.

ECC had no budget set aside to build a new school in Harlow let alone demolish and rebuild a perfectly adequate existing one. At one point it was claimed by a senior ECC member that government grants already prioritised for south Essex schools would be switched to Harlow.

However, apparently the government department had already got wind of the intended ruse and made their position very clear to ECC. In the absence of any agreed policy or budget for any new school in Harlow, the finance was apparently taken from ECC reserves. I heard the figure of £25m+ mentioned.

Jim Rogers
Bishopsfield, Harlow

Alternative to tax increase

SIR Every time Labour has control of Harlow Council they appear to believe that they must

raise their share of the council tax.

This time it's by a whopping 1.5 per cent, using the excuse that a one-off survey suggested that a majority of the population find it scary when the lights are turned off for five hours each night.

Of course the council does not reveal whether those surveyed were told they would have to pay more tax for the privilege of having them turned back on.

I would like to offer Labour councillors an alternative to continually increasing council tax. The current senior council management still appears top-heavy for a town of this size so I suggest they either combine the posts of chief executive and chief operating officer (one too many chiefs for my liking) or start sharing the costs of these posts with other local authorities.

Either of these options would lead to savings that would more than cover the £100k needed to keep the lights on.

Of course, as we all know, the council tax increase will take effect long before the lights are turned back on. Unfortunately these days it seems a vote for Labour is the equivalent of voting for another council tax increase - a bit like turkeys voting for Christmas.

R.T. Adams
Kingsland, Harlow

Thanks from caring crews

SIR I'm writing to thank Guy Mitchinson for his kind words about the ambulance service (Letters, February 5), as well as other readers who have taken the time to say thank you.

Their comments are greatly appreciated by our hard-working staff who work night and day to care for people in what is often their darkest hour and in difficult circumstances.

We're doing what we can to improve the response to, and care of, our patients so that we can achieve the best possible outcome. This is about recruiting more paramedics, giving existing staff more skills, newer vehicles, and initiatives such as increasing community first responder groups and public access defibrillators.

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Karl Edwards
East of England Ambulance Service Trust, Harlow ambulance station

The threat to human rights

SIR Last week you reported that Robert Halfon accused the Chief Constable of Essex Police of caring more about the human rights of travellers than those of law-abiding residents.

I suspect the Chief Constable has looked carefully at whose rights are in danger and who is most vulnerable in this situation. He will also be well aware that being deemed law-abiding and privileged to own or rent a home in Harlow does not make one more human.

There are laws in many countries (and even the UK) which threaten human rights - being law-abiding is not always an easy bottom line.

Instead of hearing moaning about travellers in our town, I would like to hear residents ask

what they can do about how they live their lives. Do they sometimes drop litter or fail to recycle because they're too busy? Is their car bigger and more polluting than the car they really need? Do they sometimes speed a little or park blocking roads near a school because they're late for the school run? Do they make all humans feel safe regardless of their race, colour, gender and age?

These are simple questions that probe the town-dwelling ways many of us take for granted whilst being so quick to condemn the ways of others.

Following the law is not, alone, equal to acting as a responsible citizen. Meanwhile, it is worth noting that David Cameron has pledged to scrap the Human Rights Act if the Tories retain power so Mr Halfon's concerns sound rather empty.

Nicola Hutchison Fox
address supplied

SIR I have worked in Epping since 2001 and have never seen an invasion of travellers anywhere in the town.

I live in Harlow and they are constantly popping up all over the place. They get moved on and reappear 100 yards away.

The Chief Constable of Essex Police appears not to care a hoot about the feelings of Harlow people. I wonder if this could be anything to do with the fact that three of the four councillors Harlow returns to Essex County Council are Labour and Essex County Council is overwhelmingly Conservative?

Is he just keeping in with his friends at Chelmsford or am I just being incredibly naive or cynical?

Name and address supplied

Definition of working class

SIR I seem to be being criticised for being honest.

Does David Forman (Letters, February 5) believe the average member of the electorate thinks Suzy Stride, daughter of the chairman of the Chartered Institute of Housing and granddaughter of a Church of England vicar, is working class?

The term is normally used for people who earn their living doing manual work, earning average or below average wages. Using this definition, are any of Harlow's parliamentary candidates working class?

The difference seems to me that I am being honest about it whereas others are not.

Sam Stoppelcamp
(Ukip PPC for Harlow)

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ROBERT HALFON MP - WORKING HARD FOR HARLOW HELPING HARLOW WORKERS...

- Robert Halfon successfully campaigned for a four-year freeze and a cut in fuel duty. Those driving to work or running their own business are now saving an average of **£11** every time they fill up the tank.
- He has fought hard for tax cuts for Harlow workers. The tax-free allowance has been raised to **£10,000**, saving the average Harlow worker **£825** a year. It will increase again to **£10,600** in April, up from **£6475** under Labour.
- Robert championed a stronger Minimum Wage. Last year, the Minimum Wage saw its first real terms cash increase since 2008. Robert is also campaigning hard for workers to receive a Living Wage.
- Robert supported local Tesco and Comet workers during their redundancy and worked hard to get them a fairer deal.

"[Harlow Trades Union Council] have received support from Robert Halfon on the issues of trade union facility time and job losses"

The Telegraph, 20th August 2013



Bowls club gala raises £1,600

A LADIES bowls club in Harlow raised £1,600 for charity by holding its annual charity gala.

Tye Green Ladies Indoor Bowls Club split the proceeds between St Clare Hospice and the Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust.

The gala attracted 32 teams, who competed against each other at the Bush Fair club.

Tye Green captain Sue Duck was

presented with a prize from Derek Oakley, representing club sponsors Daniel Robinson & Son.

Club members had worked for months in advance to prepare the fundraising activities which included a cake stall, bric a brac, recycled jewellery, craft and a raffle from which over £550 was raised alone.

Pictured above are the tournament winners, Hatfield IBC.

Teenager faces angry backlash after 'free money' boast on TV



AN unemployed Harlow teenager provoked outrage on social media when he boasted on television that the state benefit he receives was "free money".

Dean Rowley, pictured above, who has been claiming jobseekers allowance of £60 a week since he left school three years ago, appeared on the Channel 5 show *Benefits Britain: Life On The Dole*.

In the programme broadcast on Monday, former Passmore student Dean said: "Eventually I would like to get a job when I can find one. I spend most time in my bedroom watching TV, surfing the internet, listening to music, taking selfies."

Dean, 19, who lives at home, said he found it hard to get out of bed. He even phones his mother from his room when she's downstairs so he does not have to move.

However, he said he realised it was not healthy to sit in his bedroom all day doing nothing when his benefits are suspended because he fails to keep his appointments at the jobcentre.

MP and police agree action on travellers

Dedicated officer to deal with residents' concerns

Gemma Gardner

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RESIDENTS will have access to a dedicated police officer when complaining about illegal traveller encampments in Harlow.

The announcement came following a meeting between Harlow MP Robert Halfon, Essex police and crime commissioner Nick Alston and the Chief Constable of Essex Police, Stephen Kavanagh, in Harlow on Monday.

Afterwards, Mr Halfon said "I was encouraged about the progress made in terms of the problem of unauthorised encampments in Harlow."

"The Chief Constable of Essex I believe understands the problems Harlow is facing and has agreed a number of actions."

The measures agreed by both Essex Police and Mr Halfon include:

- To look at scale of anti-social behaviour in Harlow and how council and police resources can be allocated to identify and deal with it.

- To set out what extra powers the police would have under section 62 if Essex County Council establishes an emergency transit site.

- To evidence consistent use of section 61 and, when it is not applied, to set out to residents the reasons why.

- To encourage residents to report anti-social behaviour and crime. If it is an emergency residents should dial 999. Less urgent concerns can be reported to 101 and the issue will be flagged for the attention of local officers.

- A named officer will be nominated by District Commander Alan Ray to liaise with residents on

traveller issues whenever they are on duty.

Meanwhile, the police and crime commissioner will host a countywide round-table event next Tuesday (February 24) to discuss concerns relating to unauthorised encampments after which a summit will be called, if needed, to try to find a way forward.

Mr Alston said: "The solution to the problem of unauthorised encampments in the Harlow area, and across Essex more generally, must involve close working between Essex Police, local elected representatives, the County Council and local authorities, the Essex Countywide Traveller Unit, and all those directly affected."

Fairly

"Police and council representatives must act within the law, fairly and proportionately, but must also continue to enforce the law without fear or favour."

"Mr Halfon has continued to ensure that the voices of the people of Harlow have been heard."

Mr Halfon added: "Although I have been critical in recent months, I hugely welcome the response of the Chief Constable."

"He has pledged that this is a priority issue and he made clear he will take concrete steps to move ahead."

"We will be able to see the difference this makes over the coming weeks."

Speaking during a visit to the Harlow Enterprise Zone later the same day, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Eric Pickles said: "The police have plenty of powers to take action and I have sympathy for Robert's [Halfon] concerns over the lack of action."

Police seek to identify burglary suspect



POLICE investigating a number of break-ins at the Latton Bush Centre in Harlow have released this CCTV image of a man they want to question.

The grainy black and white image was taken at the time three premises at the centre in Southern Way were targeted shortly after midnight on Monday, January 26.

Workwear worth £270 was taken from Herts Mill Services

and a door was damaged.

Doors at JMH Technology and All About Hair and Beauty were also damaged but in both cases nothing was stolen.

Police have appealed to anyone who recognises the man in the CCTV images is asked to contact PC Richard Canning at Harlow police station on the Essex Police 101 number or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



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STICKING TO THE TASK: A Kiddi Caru attendee hard at work

Friendship and fun on the cards

THERE was a chance for children at a Harlow nursery to put their flair for art to good use when it celebrated Send A Card To A Friend Day.

The youngsters at Kiddi Caru, in Kiln Lane, used bright colours to decorate their cards as they learned the importance of friendship and staying in touch.

Nursery manager Anna Yeates said: "We really liked the idea behind the day.

"Friends and family are so important and we thought it would be a nice idea to get the children thinking about loved ones and what they would say to them in a card and also what designs their friends and family might like."

She added: "They put a lot of effort into their cards so I'm sure the lucky recipients would have been delighted with them."

Seeing red, but happy to help cause

CHILDREN at the Smiles Montessori Pre-school in Newhall, Harlow, were seeing red during a week of fundraising activities which included a charity raffle, dressing up day and a bake sale.

They raised £317.50 for the British Heart Foundation thanks to donations from parents and teachers.

With a top-prize of a six-month gym membership at Mark Hall Sports Centre, the raffle was very popular but money raised from selling cakes and through sponsoring staff who had dressed



COLOURFUL CHARACTERS: Staff and children at the Smiles Montessori pre-school

up in red also helped the pre-school exceed its target.

Manager Kerry Landeg said: "It was great. We would

definitely do it again and we were impressed by the way parents and businesses came forward to support us."



AROUND THE WORLD: Cooks Spinney pupils moved from country to country as they switched classrooms

Global spin to classes – from Dali to Delhi...

PUPILS from Cooks Spinney Primary School in Harlow took part in a whirlwind global tour during a special world-themed day of activities.

Year 2 students were given passports as they focused on Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Mexico and India, and classrooms were set up with cultural activities from each country. Lead practitioner Jenni Elliot said: "Activities ranged from paper weaving in Ghana to drawing surrealist artwork based on the work of Spanish artist Salvador Dali. Children learned skills such as map reading but also gained initial awareness of life in different countries."

Looking



ALL THAT GLISTERS: Shyanne with some of her Anglo-Saxon

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Anglo-Saxon activities abound at primary

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PUPILS at a primary school in Old Harlow turned back the clock to the 5th Century to dress up and act out historical rituals as part of an Anglo-Saxon day.

The Year 5 students at Harlowbury Primary, in Watlington Road, had a go at Saxon cooking, played traditional games and made items of jewellery.

They were split into groups to focus on a different aspect of life in Anglo-Saxon times.

Learning

The themed day tied into what the children had been learning during their normal lessons.

"The whole day went really well and the children really enjoyed it" said Year 5 teacher Miss Monk. "At the end of the day the whole school came to see what we had done, and even parents came and said how great it looked."

She added: "The children loved it and they had lots of things to take home with them."



GOOD GOD: Year 5 pupil Stanley became Thor!



TAKING THE BISCUIT: Niamh, Sophie, Chloe and Jack with their farming stand

Pictures: Vikki Lince HEV20150206B-021_C

Pupils play instruments alongside orchestra

SCORES of students from Harlow's five secondary schools got the chance of a lifetime when they performed alongside a professional orchestra.

More than 100 pupils from Stewards Academy, Burnt Mill Academy, St Mark's West Essex Catholic School, Passmores Academy and Mark Hall Academy have been taking part in a series of workshops led by the City of London Sinfonia and music leader John K Miles.

Having worked together on collaborative group compositions, they performed with the orchestra for children from ten of the town's primary schools at Stewards Academy.

A concert for the wider community was held in the evening.

Opportunity

The 'First Time Live - Youth' project aims to give 10-14 year-olds who have had little or no access to live orchestral music the opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra.

Stewards Academy pupils also helped produce and promote the concerts and were involved in managing the stage and presenting the events. Cllr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's cabinet member for education, said: "Projects like this enable children who might not have been able to access orchestral music the opportunity to do just that."

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Event organiser Rebekah Birch, pictured below with her canine companions Eddie and Lucy who will be taking part, said: "We frequently have dogs visiting the



hospice to see their owners; they are part of the family life we try to recreate here.

"As a dog owner myself I know the special bond I have with our two family dogs."

For those taking part there will be the chance to get free pet care advice and dog-friendly goodies from Epping-based Forest Veterinary Centre and pet supply specialist Half Moon Pets.

Registration for Winter Walkies costs £10 for adults, £5 for children, or £27.50 for families. Everyone is welcome to take part, whether a dog owner or not.

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IMPORTANT DATE: Epping Ongar Railway staff celebrate the line's 150th anniversary

Full steam ahead for busy year on heritage railway

It's all go for the 150th anniversary of the Epping Ongar Railway

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EPPING Ongar Railway is celebrating its 150th birthday this year, with its popularity at an all-time high.

The heritage railway, which stops at North Weald, will celebrate the anniversary throughout the year with a number of special events.

Since 2012 the number of passengers carried on the line has increased every year and it benefited from the support of over 350 volunteers in 2014, each giving up an average of 23 days.

Managing director Roger Wright said: "I am chuffed that the railway has continued to grow in 2014 and thankful to our passengers and our volunteers for the support that they have given to the railway."

"We look forward to welcoming many of our passengers back in 2015."

The anniversary will be celebrated at the end of April with the arrival of one or possibly two visiting locomotives before a larger community-based celebration at the end of August with a Victorian theme.

The railway will also be open every weekend, Bank Holiday and Wednesdays during the school holidays from Easter until November 1.

Exciting

Dean Walton, business development manager for the railway, said: "We are looking forward to attracting even more passengers with what we think is an exciting range of events."

"However it is also important for us to attract passengers on our other weekends. With our friendly and helpful volunteers and our buses, steam and diesel services we think we provide an excellent day out for the family every weekend."

"The continuing increase in the numbers since we re-opened in 2012 supports this."

The railway is also expanding its range of evening specials, with evening dining trains and murder mystery experiences.

The Epping Fryer offers fish and chips, the Cockney Sparrow offers pie and mash and the Poppadum Prairie offers a curry meal. The murder mystery events will be performed by a group of professional actors in May and September.

Catering manager Glynis Campbell said: "In 2014 we successfully extended the range of food we sell at North Weald."

"This year we are pleased to extend the number and range of evening dining trains we are running. We buy our food from local suppliers and support the local economy in this way."

"We expect our murder mystery events to be very popular and encourage people to book these as soon as the tickets are released."

Five highlights to look forward to during 2015

■ **1. 150th Anniversary Celebrations** A gala over the extended weekend of April 24-26 to mark the actual event itself with a visiting locomotive or two. A Victorian weekend will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend (August 28-31) working with the local communities to celebrate and enjoy the railway's history

■ **2. Evening Dining Trains and Murder Mystery Events** A new

venture to introduce an innovative range of services particularly of interest to local people. The murder mystery events will be performed by professional actors.

■ **3. Steam and Diesel Galas** As much for the enthusiasts as for the families, a great opportunity for the railway to showcase steam and diesel.

■ **4. Family Events** The railway will be welcoming

Paddington and Peppa Pig. In addition it will stage what is probably Essex's longest Easter egg hunt over 6.5 miles of track and additional running days during the school holidays and every weekend between Easter and November 1.

■ **5. Halloween and Santa Specials** This year the railway is planning to improve and expand its ever popular Halloween and Santa Special events.



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Curry lover Ricky turns up the heat



SOME LIKE IT HOT: Licensee Vince Reijs, left, with Ricky Leonard

A CURRY lover raised the temperature when he tucked into a phall dish – generally regarded as the hottest available at Indian restaurants – sprinkled with added chillies and chilli sauce to win a charity eat-off.

Ricky Leonard, 52, of Willow Court, Sawbridgeworth, polished off the swelteringly hot dish at the Old Bell pub in Bell Street.

Described as a “little legend” by licensee Vince Reijs, Mr Leonard proved to be cooler under pressure than a pub regular known as ‘Jacko’.

The pair faced off in an eating match which was the talk of the pub for two weeks before it took place. Regulars were invited to sponsor the pair who raised £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The curries were supplied by the Star of India restaurant in London Road, while the chilli sauce came with a warning to “use at your own risk”.

But Mr Leonard was unfazed. “I just love hot food and I’ve loved hot curries since I was a young kid,” he said.

He is now looking into the possibility of sleeping rough to raise funds for Crisis, the national charity for homeless people.

Labour victory a blow to Ukip

But turnout is low for Mark Hall by-election

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LABOUR supporters celebrating the party’s victory in Thursday’s Mark Hall by-election are claiming the result makes them favourites to win the Harlow seat in the General Election.

Labour candidate Danny Purton polled 43 per cent of the vote to win back the seat which the party lost to Ukip in last year’s council elections.

The by-election was held following the resignation of Ukip councillor Jerry Crawford due to ill health.

A poor turnout of just 26 per cent saw Mr Purton receive 586 votes, UKIP candidate Mark Gough finished second with 353 votes – 309 votes fewer than Mr Crawford polled last year.

Conservative candidate Jane Steer improved the party’s share of the vote by five per cent in a ward they had never won but still finished third with 334 votes.

The Green finished in fourth with the Liberal Democrats trailing in last.

Mr Purton will now serve alongside Ukip’s Janet Doyle for the remainder of the term until 2018.

Afterwards he said: “This is a great day for Labour and a great day for Harlow. Ukip made a mistake in calling the by-election as the town’s many Labour supporters get behind us.”

Labour Parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride said: “This election shows the momentum is with Labour in Harlow.”

“People are hungry for change from a Tory government that has let them down time and time again.”

Harlow MP Robert Halfon congratulated Mr Purton on a hard-

Results in full



WINNER: Danny Purton

- Danny Purton (Labour) 586 votes (43 per cent)
- Mark Gough (Ukip) 353 votes (26 per cent)
- Jane Steer (Conservative) 334 votes (24 per cent)
- Murray Sackwild (Green) 55 votes (4 per cent)
- Lesley Rideout (Lib Dem) 47 votes (3 per cent)
- The turnout was 26.45 per cent with 1,379 ballots completed. Four ballot papers were rejected.
- The composition of the council is now Labour 18, Conservative 11, Ukip 4

earned victory, adding: “Mark Hall has never been a Conservative ward but we are pleased that our vote went up from last year. The General Election is all to play for.”

Ukip candidate Mark Gough blamed his party’s slump on a smear campaign carried out by his rivals but said he is still confident ahead of the General Election.

Lies

“There was a stop-UKIP demonstration in the town centre on Saturday and they were putting leaflets through doors which were full of lies,” he said. “It was all clearly damaging.”

“We’re now getting ready for May and to face the untruths that are thrown at us. We’re confident of more good results.”

Green candidate Murray Sackwild was disappointed with his result but will now turn his attention to the General Election for which he will be the party’s parliamentary candidate.

“I’m obviously quite disappoint-

ed by the low turnout and poor showing from the Greens but this had been very much billed as a Labour and Ukip battle and a lot of Green supporters were saying that their priority was to get UKIP out,” he said.

“We can guarantee all their votes in May so I remain optimistic.”

Harlow Council leader Jon Clempner said he was happy Labour won back the seat from UKIP.

“It was a very strong result on Thursday and Danny will be a great addition to the Labour team on the council,” he said.

Conservative group leader Andrew Johnson echoed the comments of Mr Halfon and said he was pleased to see the party vote increase.

“Thanks to the hard work of Jane Steer and her team the Conservatives increased our share of the vote by about five per cent compared to last year in a ward that we have never held before,” he said. “This bodes well for the General Election.”

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Gallery displays work by Turner Prize winner



ON LOAN:
Artist Grenville Davey with his sculpture Moon Gate at the Gibberd Gallery

A SCULPTURE by Turner Prize winning artist Grenville Davey has been relocated from the headquarters of Essex County Council to the Gibberd Gallery in Harlow Civic Centre.

Moon Gate was one of a series of sculptures which Mr Davey was commissioned to create as a permanent legacy of the 2009 Essex Jiangsu Festival which celebrated the county's 20-year relationship with Jiangsu Province in China.

It has been installed in the gallery as part of a long-term loan agreement between the county council and Harlow Arts Trust.

Mr Davey, who won the Turner Prize in 1992, was invited to the unveiling ceremony last Tuesday. Also present were a group of Chinese students who are currently on a cultural exchange visit to Essex.

Gibberd Gallery director Corrina Dunlea said: "The Moon

Gate sculpture is an exciting addition to the Harlow Art Trust's award-winning collection. It will definitely enhance the visitor experience to Harlow."

Councillor Kevin Bentley, cabinet member for economic growth and infrastructure, added: "Harlow has gained an impressive sculpture in Moon Gate and we hope residents will enjoy it being a part of the community."

The challenge to unlock Harlow's 'great potential'

Charity highlights need to tackle poverty of ambition

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MORE than 100 people from a cross section of the Harlow community met to discuss ideas for improving services for the town's young people and elderly residents.

Charities, community groups, church leaders and and statutory agencies were represented at the Redeeming Our Community (ROC) forum held at in the Civic Centre last Wednesday.

Also present was Essex Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston, and Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride.

ROC is a national charity set up in 2004 with the aim of encouraging statutory agencies and local groups to work together in partnership to transform their local community.

It currently has more 150 projects, both operational and under construction throughout the UK which are run by volunteers and is now looking to establish a presence in Harlow.

Those present at last week's meeting were split into groups to discuss what they would like to see happen to improve the town and what skills they had

to offer to turn that dream into reality.

ROC founder and executive director Debrah Green began the evening with a call to action, telling the audience: "If we don't do something then who will?"

Mrs Green said afterwards: "There is a real poverty of aspiration amongst young people in Harlow and there is a real need for greater engagement."

"However, I was delighted with the turnout and there is a real excitement here about making a difference" she added. "I feel there have been great ideas expressed that could really change things for the better."

In other areas ROC has helped a community by establishing a centre where youth clubs can meet and advice can be given.

Mrs Green said such a centre was a "realistic possibility" for Harlow.

Afterwards Ms Stride said: "This evening has been so good. It's great to get such a cross section of people in this room together."

"Harlow is a town of great potential and together we can help realise that. The fact is that great change can come from this meeting."

Historian's talk on the brothers in arms

THE story behind the discovery in a Harlow cemetery of the graves of three young men from the same family will be told at a meeting of Harlow Civic Society next week.

The trio perished while serving their country in the First World War.

It sparked the curiosity of staff at the Museum of Harlow who then started to research the story of the whole family.

One of the investigators was

former museum archivist David Devine who will tell their story, illustrated with family photographs and facts, at the meeting on Thursday (February 26).

The three young men were members of the Riley family who lived in Burnt Mill village which was demolished in the early 1960s to make way for Harlow Town station.

The head of the family was the village postmaster for many years and, following the museum's

investigation, descendants and neighbours of the Rileys came forward to add to the story.

"This is a slice of Harlow's social history at its best, taking us back to the days of 1914-1918 when so many families lost sons, husbands, brothers and lovers," said a civic society spokesman.

The meeting takes place at the museum in Muskham Road, starting at 7.30pm. The cost is £4 for visitors and £2 for society members.



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Digging up buried treasure



WHEN amateur treasure hunter Paul Coleman set off with his trusty metal detector to search farmland in Buckinghamshire just before Christmas, little did he know what he was about to unearth.

For Mr Coleman, a member of the Weekend Wanderers Detecting Club, dug up one of the largest hoards of Anglo Saxon coins ever found in Britain.

Experts say the collection of more than 5,000 silver coins – which date back to the 10th and 11th centuries – could be worth as much as £1m.

Mr Coleman, who was accompanied on the trip by his son Liam and a friend, said: "When we got in the field we weren't having much luck. It was just as we were about to leave and go to another field that my metal detector starting

getting a signal.

"I began digging but after about 20 minutes I hadn't found anything. But the next mound of soil I moved I saw a shiny disc and I knew instantly it was a coin. I bent down to pick it up and I could see lots of discs; I couldn't believe it."

He added: "I normally uncover lots of rubbish, nothing that's really terribly exciting and nothing like this. It is impossible to comprehend."

Liam, who is also a metal detector enthusiast, added: "People consider finding just one of those coins a once in a lifetime event, let alone a stash of thousands. Just being able to hold one was an honour."

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RANGERS fact file



■ **NAME:** Archie (member 20156)

■ **ADDRESS:** Northbrooks, Harlow

■ **BIRTHDAY:** March 11, 2008

■ **SCHOOL:** Hare Street Primary

■ **LIKES:** Arsenal and Minecraft

■ **DISLIKES:** Tidying his room

■ **FAVOURITE FOOD:** Noodles

■ **LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD:** Peas

■ **FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Phineas & Ferb

■ **FAVOURITE FILM:** Monsters Inc

■ **FAVOURITE BOOK:** When Mom Turned Into A Monster by Joanna Harrison

■ **FAMILY:** Sister, Abbie (16)

■ **PETS:** A dog called Lola

■ **WANTS TO BE:** A video games designer

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THURSDAY

Alfie (member 1051), of Chippingfield, Old Harlow, is 12 and leaves Rangers.
Finlay (member 902), of Malkin Drive, Harlow, is 11.
Ellie (member 1138), of The Dashes, Harlow, is 5.

FRIDAY

Billy (member 1057), of The Dashes, Harlow, and **Jack** (member 1240), of Abbotswell, Harlow, are both 9.

SATURDAY

Samuel (member 20121), of Woodwards, Harlow, is 7.

SUNDAY

Jack (member 1161), of Berecroft, Harlow, is 10.
Alyssa-Rae (member 975), of Wedgewood Drive, Harlow, is 9.

MONDAY

Michael (member 1028), of The Chantry, Harlow, is 11.
Amber-Jade (member 1061), of Broadfields, Harlow, is 5.

WEDNESDAY

Darcie (member 641), of Upper Mealdens, Harlow, is 10.
Daniel (member 1159), of Milwards, Harlow, is 9.
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Couples find losing weight can be a labour of love



IT TAKES TWO: Ray and Donna Acramen

TWO Harlow couples who have been supporting each other in their efforts to battle the bulge have received end-of-year awards after losing a heavyweight total of eight stone between them.

Slimming World members Ray and Donna Acramen, who attend the meetings at held at Mark Hall Academy, and Dave Worboys and Louise Evison, who signed up to the Sumners Leisure Centre group, were voted couples of the year by their fellow slimmers.

They decided to take action after they realised their weight was making them unhappy and putting their health at risk.

Louise, 32, said: "Last April I realised I didn't recognise the person in the mirror anymore and it was beginning to affect my confidence and health."

"Once Dave saw how well I was doing and how much I was enjoying my healthier way of living, he decided to join too."

A new puppy provided the inspiration for Ray and Donna to seek a healthier lifestyle.

"We have so much more energy now," said Donna, 54. "I've been enjoying aquafit classes and we love getting out together, especially going on long walks with our puppy Tia."

Both couples are now in the running for the title of Slimming World Couple of the Year 2015.

Carina Trickey, who runs the two groups, said: "These fantastic couples are living proof that slimmers are more successful when they lose weight with a loved one because they can make changes together, which is often easier."

"Some men think that slimming clubs and support are just for women but that's just not true."

She added: "Seeing their weight come down week after week has been a joy. They're a real inspiration to the rest of the group, including me."

Foodbank launches appeal for funds as more seek its help

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THE number of people turning to Harlow Foodbank for help has risen by more than five per cent over the past 12 months.

The charity now feeds an average of 313 people - 209 adults and 104 children - in Harlow, which falls into the top 30 per cent of the most deprived local authority areas in England.

It has been reported that 22 per cent of children in the town are living below the poverty line.

It collects donations from its partners in Harlow and the surrounding area including 76 churches, 38 schools, four supermarkets (Tesco, ASDA, Sainsbury's and Waitrose) and two banks (Santander & Halifax) as well as individuals.

The main location for its warehouse operation is the LOKnSTORE in Harlow, with additional storage facilities being provided free by Harlow Council at the Latton Bush Centre in Southern Way.

St Paul's Church in the town centre provides a central location for a satellite service, while Harlow Salvation Army provides cover for the service on Wednesdays at its Tendring Road base.

The foodbank, which is kept running by a team of more than 60 volunteers, hold regular collections of food at supermarkets throughout the town.

Director of community services Gary Knott said: "The work of Harlow Foodbank continues to grow and develop and we have seen an increase year-on-year in referrals



HELPING: One of Harlow Foodbank's collections in the Tesco store at Church Langley

from our frontline professional partners as many local people still find it difficult to make ends meet, even when in employment."

"As always we are very grateful to all of our community partners and individual supporters who provide us with both non-perishable and fresh food donations and also those people who support our 500 Club with their financial donations each month."

However, Mr Knott said the service was in urgent need of financial support as well as food donations.

"We are asking people to donate £2 or more each month via their bank or build-

ing society to the Harlow Foodbank 500 Club," he said. "The cost of running of Harlow Foodbank can be more than £40,000 a year and we are trying to get people to donate a small amount each month."

The main reasons for people using the foodbank are benefit delay/sanctions, low income, homelessness, refusal of crisis loans, debt, unemployment, domestic violence, sickness and delayed wages.

More than half of referrals are due to some form of benefit change, delay or sanctions.

Users of the service are issued with a foodbank voucher which can be redeemed for three days of emergency food.

School succeeds in bid for cash to refurbish buildings

A HARLOW school's bid for Government cash to fund extensive repairs and improvements to a number of teaching blocks has been successful.

Mark Hall Academy, in First Avenue, applied for £1.2m from the Priority School Building Programme.

Although details of the work to be carried out will not be finalised until the Department of Education has had a chance to survey the detailed plans and cost up the work, principal Corinne Franceschi said she was delighted with the news.

"This is not only an investment in the buildings, it is a symbolic investment in the future of Mark Hall Academy and in our belief that we can transform the school to be outstanding," she said.

"A substantial and much-needed refurbishment programme will take place to improve the learning environment for our students and out staff. They deserve it."

Ambulance trust on target to replace ageing vehicles fleet

A YEAR-long vehicle replacement programme across the East of England Ambulance Service is nearing completion.

The programme to modernise the fleet, which began last year as part of a six-point plan to improve patient care, will see 267 emergency ambulances replaced across Essex, Herts, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

Earlier last year 147 ambulances were introduced around the region and since September a further 120 replacement were

purchased, the remaining 37 of which will enter operational service by the end of next month.

EAST chief executive Anthony Marsh said: "Our ageing fleet was a real concern among staff when I joined the trust last year, but to see a new fleet under five years old with new equipment on board by the end of March is an excellent achievement."

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The Sawbridgeworth parade was led by cadets from the town's 309 Squadron.

The host squadron's blog says: "Despite chattering teeth and the cold seeping into the gloves of band members, numbing and



stiffening fingers, the band performance was as strong as ever, with the band cadets delivering a bold, bright and energetic production."

The parade ended at the Evangelical Congregational Church where church minister

and 309 Squadron padre Rev Gary Hanson delivered a sermon.

The Essex wing's commanding officer, Debbie Robinson, said: "I am very proud of the cadets and staff from Essex wing for such an impressive turnout for all four parades."

Stay away from A&E unless it's urgent

A PLEA for people to make the most of the NHS 111 hotline and local pharmacies has been made by health chiefs anxious to ease the pressure on local A&E services during the half term break.

The West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, which serves Harlow and Epping, said self-care remained the most appropriate way to treat minor conditions such as grazed knees, sore throats and coughs.

Local pharmacies can provide advice on managing symptoms of other

common illnesses such as coughs, colds and sore throats at home.

Harlow GP and CCG chairman Dr Rob Gerlis said: "We hope children and families in west Essex enjoy a healthy half-term but want to make sure people know where they can find the help they need if necessary."

"It's important to remember Princess Alexandra Hospital's emergency department is not, and never has been, for non-urgent treatment and it is crucial that people consider where to get the care they need."

Drunken teen in court for assault with baseball bat

16-year-old pleads guilty to 'catalogue of offences'

Court Reporter

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A TEENAGER who admitted a catalogue of offences including assault, criminal damage and dangerous driving has been warned he faces a lengthy sentence.

Chelmsford Magistrates Court was told the 16-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was driving a van which collided with an oncoming car and then continued to drive forward, forcing the vehicle he had hit backwards until it collided with another.

He then assaulted two brothers who he had been chasing and smashed the windscreen of a bus which had stopped.

The youth, who lives in Roydon, pleaded guilty to 10 separate offences of dangerous driving, failing to provide a specimen of breath, having an offensive weapon, criminal damage, driving without a licence and insurance and three assaults.

Emma Howson, prosecuting, said the incident took place at about 7.15am on December 17 last year. The youth was seen driving the van, which was "swerving all over the road" in Hamlet Hill Road, Roydon.

"He went onto the wrong side of the road and collided

with an oncoming car, driving straight towards it," said Ms Howson. "He then continued driving, pushing back the car and causing it to collide with a VW Golf behind it."

The court was told the youth then wielded a baseball bat to smash the window of the vehicle he had crashed into and used it to assault the two occupants, who were brothers.

She said the youth then chased the brothers and smashed the windscreen of a bus which had stopped. He also assaulted a resident who was on his driveway and damaged his car.

When he was arrested he was found to be intoxicated but Miss Howson said he failed to provide a specimen of breath.

Stuart Cowan, representing the youth, said in mitigation: "His catalogue of offences are quite simply appalling. He had problems with cocaine, cannabis and alcohol but he is now past that under family supervision."

Remanding him in custody until he is sentenced, chair of the bench Audrey Rowntree warned him: "It's likely you will receive a very lengthy sentence for these offences."

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Yob guilty of racist behaviour is told he's in 'last chance saloon'

Court Reporter

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A YOB who racially abused a member of staff at Occasio House in Harlow and threatened him with a golf club has been spared a jail sentence.

But Reece James McLoud was told by magistrate Robert Law he was in the "last chance saloon" after he was given a 12-month community order.

McLoud, who lives on a riverboat near the Moorhen public house, pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Magistrates Court to possessing an offensive weapon, using threatening behaviour and burglary. He was also convicted of a charge of racially aggravated threatening behaviour.

The court was told the incident which resulted in McLoud's arrest happened after he lost the key to his room at Occasio House in Playhouse Square.

Ian Allen, prosecuting, said that at about 2am on July 14 last year McLoud told staff he had lost the key to his room and needed to speak to security. A member of staff, Niyi Anise, informed him the guard was on his rounds and told him to return to his room to await the guard's arrival, at which point McLoud turned abusive.

Struck

McLoud eventually left but a few minutes later returned carrying a golf club. "He [McLoud] arrived and told Mr Anise 'Come here, I'm going to f... you up'," said Mr Allen. "He struck the desk with the golf club. Police attended and McLoud shouted at Mr Anise: 'You African xxxx'."

McLoud was arrested and charged as a result of the incident but on October 15, three weeks before moving out of Occasio House, he stole an X-Box after burgling one of the flats. He later claimed it was payment for a drug debt.

Andrew Clowser, representing McLoud, said in mitigation: "He mislaid his key resulting in him wanting security to come down. He lost his temper, borrowed a golf club which he brought down on the counter and on leaving he made a racist comment."

McLoud was told he must pay £250 in legal costs, a £60 victim surcharge and £120 in compensation, £60 to the victim of his racist abuse and £60 to the burglary victim.

Can you spare time to help Daffodil Appeal?

CANCER charity Marie Curie is seeking volunteers to help out with its annual Great Daffodil Appeal collections in Harlow next month.

The charity, which offers care and support to people living with terminal illness, have been given permission to hold collections outside the Lidl supermarket at Staple Tye on Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20.

It needs volunteers to encourage shoppers to give a donation in return for a daffodil

pin. The money raised will go towards the cost of paying for Marie Curie nurses to care for people at home.

Lucy Watson, the charity's community fundraiser for Essex said: "We need as many people as possible to donate their time to help us make sure everyone is wearing a daffodil pin so we can continue providing this care for local people."

To volunteer, call (01920) 467177 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/daffodil-appeal.

Scarlet fever warning

A HIGHER-than-expected rise in the number of reported cases of scarlet fever is causing concern among health chiefs.

More than 50 cases of the illness have been reported in Essex and East Anglia in the first six weeks of 2015, according to Public Health England. Nationally, the figure for new cases across the country is 1,265.

Although it is not unusual for an increase at this time of year, GPs and other frontline medical staff have been asked to remain vigilant.

Dr Theresa Lamagni, PHE's head of streptococcal infection surveillance, said: "Prompt notification of cases to local health protection teams is critical to enable monitoring and rapid response to outbreaks."

"Schools and nurseries should similarly be mindful of the current elevated levels of scarlet fever and promptly inform local health protection teams at an early stage if they become aware of cases, especially if more than one child is affected."

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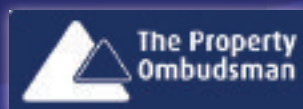


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Medium Tony Stockwell visits the Playhouse

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WHAT'S ON

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

DIRECT FROM ITALY: THE SCHIAVO-MARCHEGIANI PIANO DUO

WHERE: St John's Arc, Old Harlow
WHEN: Saturday, February 21 at 3pm
COST: £10
MORE: 01279 442447 or visit www.stjohnsarc.org.uk
 The Schiavo-Marchegiani Piano Duo will be performing Schubert's Fantasia in F minor and Brahms' Hungarian Dances on commendation of Virginia Black.

THE FLOYD EFFECT

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Thursday, February 26 at 7.30pm
COST: £17-£20
 The Floyd Effect 8-piece tribute show spans the complete Pink Floyd canon and includes much-loved material from *Wish You Were Here*, *Animals*, *Meddle*, *The Wall*, and *The Division Bell*. Featuring lasers and projections, the show concludes with a complete performance of one of the greatest pieces of music ever written *Dark Side of the Moon*. An unforgettable experience that will take you on a journey from the *Gates of Dawn* to the *Dark Side of the Moon*.

THE STONES

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Friday, February 27 at 7.45pm
COST: £16-£19
 The Rolling Stones are universally known as *The Greatest Rock and Roll Band in the World*. They have sold more than 200 million albums worldwide, with hits such as *Satisfaction*, *Start Me Up*, *Honkey Tonk Women*, and *Jumping Jack Flash* to name but a few – all known the world over.

CHAMPIONS OF MAGIC

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Sunday, March 1 at 7pm
COST: £17-£21
 Witness stunning illusions including disappearances, teleportation, levitation and a heart stopping finale that sees one performer walk through the spinning steel blades of a giant industrial fan, all presented with lighting and pyrotechnics to rival the biggest arena productions.

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Wednesday, March 7 at 7.30pm
COST: £12
 Flitlock Theatre employs its trademark physical storytelling to reinvent Gogol's hilarious satire. Four actors swap characters at break-neck speed, creating an unforgettable theatrical experience punctuated by a fast and furious Klezmer soundtrack with scintillating live music interval entertainment.

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HOW MUCH: Free

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WHERE: Burnt Mill Snooker & Social Club, Harlow
WHEN: Sat, Feb 21, 8.30pm
HOW MUCH: Free

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WHERE: The Square, Harlow
WHEN: Sat, Feb 21, 8pm
HOW MUCH: £6 in advance and £8 on the door



Dandy Warhols to headline at Standon festival

THE Dandy Warhols are to headline the Standon Calling music festival along with the previously announced Basement Jaxx.

The four-piece from Portland in Oregon (pictured above) formed in 1994 and have toured with legends like David Bowie, Tom Petty and The Rolling Stones.

The Standon Calling

performance will be the band's only live show as they help celebrate the festival's 10th birthday with their favourite tracks from their back catalogue along with brand new material.

Also topping the bill this year is Gothenburg's leading musical export Little Dragon. Other acts revealed include BRIT award winner Ella Eyre, the coolest man in UK Hip Hop, Roots Manuva,

House maestros Hercules & Love Affair, atmospheric indie-rockers The Antlers and more.

Organiser Alex Trenchard believes the festival's reputation for building up established artists has allowed its portfolio to grow.

"We are really excited about our tenth birthday, we have been pretty much been planning for it since last year's festival finished," he said.

"We have built up a reputation with music agents. They trust us and they have seen acts like Mumford & Sons, and Florence and the Machine come through Standon and become world-class artists."

Tier 1 tickets priced at £117 are still available with more information from standon-calling.com, and tier 2 tickets soon on sale from £127.

FUNNY FELLAS in return to theatre

WITH a hugely talented roster of comedians to tickle all taste buds Live at the Playhouse returns to Harlow next month.

Following on from the success of its sell-out November show, Live at the Playhouse brings another cracking line-up of top TV comedians on Friday, March 6.

Making up the bill are Damian Clark, Mick Ferry, Raymond and Mr Timpkins Revue, and Nick Dixon. The compere of the evening will be the brilliant Mark Oliver.

Aussie Damian Clark stormed into the comedy circuit in 2012 and his uplifting and energetic stand-up was an immediate hit.

Described as "hilariously surreal" by *The Scotsman*, Damian was then snapped up to appear on both BBC3 and Comedy Central and he rise through the comedy ranks continues.

Mick Ferry is a regular at The Comedy Store, where he is known for having the audience in stitches with his improvisations and

quick-witted gags.

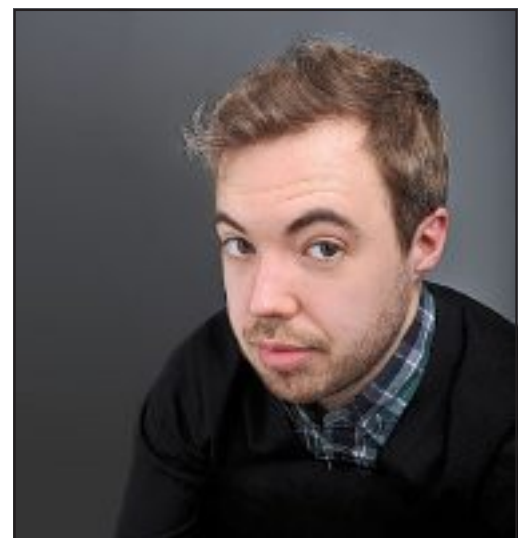
His popularity lead him to perform on *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* on BBC One as well as selling out one man shows.

Meanwhile Raymond & Mr Timpkins Revue are quite possibly the craziest, silliest, strangest and double act you will ever see.

After nearly 20 years on the comedy circuit, the slap-stick duo will no doubt entertain with their musical puns, cheeky games and unique style.

"Delightfully offbeat" Nick Dixon with his intelligent, sharp and well-crafted comedy led him to reach the final of Leicester Square New Comedian of the Year after just three months performing stand up. He has gone from strength to strength since and is one to watch for the future.

Tickets for the show cost £16 and the event begins at 8pm. To book or for more information call or visit, www.playhouseharlow.com or (01279) 431945.



DELIGHTFULLY OFFBEAT: Nick Dixon

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Swing band members get back together

A SPECIAL reunion of Harlow's celebrated John Petters Swing Band will be held at St John's Arts Centre in Old Harlow.

Returning are clarinet and saxophone player Pete Neighbour, who now lives in the USA, and his fellow clarinetist, Julian Stringle. Both in their teens when they joined

the band in 1983, where they played at The Playhouse and The Square,

Joining them will be veteran guitarist, Jim Douglas, who shot to international fame with the famous Alex Welsh band.

He appeared regularly on radio and television during the 1960s alongside such American jazz

originals as Henry Red Allen.

Returning to the Yamaha grand piano for the gig will be the ever-popular Tim Huskisson.

Harlow bassist, Keith Donald join the band on stage and the line-up will be completed by the powerhouse percussion of former Harlow drumming man and leader, John

Petters.

The programme will include swing classics in the Benny Goodman - Gene Krupa style - as well as a selection of American songbook classics by Gershwin, Berlin and Porter.

■ Tickets are £10. To book or to find out more, call 01406 365 731.

SPIRITS are working with TONY every day

EVEN as a child Tony knew he was different from other children. From an early age he was aware of seeing people before him who others could not see.

It was common for him to hear his name being called by someone unseen, and also common for him to be aware of events before they actually happened.

But he remembers never being frightened by what was happening, on the contrary, it was all perfectly normal.

"There are a lot of misconceptions surrounding mediumship but to me it's all very natural and safe," explained Tony.

"It's just a part of who I am and what I do. Readings are orchestrated by a love connection between the living and those in spirit, so there is nothing to be scared of.

"To the contrary it's a lovely feeling to be part of that reunion."

Born in London's East End and part of a close, extended family, much of Tony's early childhood was the same as any other.

All through his early school years and into teenage years, the most amazing paranormal events happened to, and around, Tony.

When Tony was 16 years old he was invited by a friend to attend a local spiritualist church, and from the minute he set foot inside the door he knew this was what he wanted to do with his life, and what was expected of him.



TONY TRIVIA:

Tony has had several of his own television series including *Psychic Academy*, *The Psychic Detective*, *Street Psychic* and *Psychic School*.

Tony was one third of the original *3 Mediums* with Colin Fry and Derek

Acorah at the Hammersmith Apollo, who attracted a live audience of more than 3,000 and excellent viewing figures when first broadcast as the highlight of cable channel Living TV's special *Paranormal Weekend*.

Over the years that followed, Tony took every opportunity to demonstrate his mediumistic ability, endeavouring to reunite relatives with their departed loved ones.

He is always striving to push the boundaries of his work, wanting each message from the other side to

be as perfect as possible, to prove beyond doubt that our spirits are eternal and are able to communicate with us.

"My philosophy would be to treat the spirit world with respect, give them credit for their intelligence and be thankful that they work with me,"

said Tony.

"The love of working with spirit always needs to be the driving motivation; any thoughts of success, ambition or career are irrelevant.

"Accepting I am eternal plays a major part in how I chose to live my life and the decisions I make.

"I am ultimately responsible for all the good and bad things I do and take any consequences that come along with that."

Tony's connection with the spirit world takes, he says, a considerable amount of training and development.

But what does he say to those who remain unconvinced by his work?

"I don't really say anything, they are entitled to their opinions and beliefs as I am to mine," he said. "It wouldn't do for us all to be the same, would it?"

"There is a difference between those who are sceptical and those who are open-minded, but sitting on the fence.

"The latter will have an enquiring mind and will often come along to a demonstration to see for themselves. Some will go away convinced and some will not, that's just how it is."

■ Tony Stockwell: An Evening of Psychic Mediumship comes to Harlow Playhouse on Wednesday, March 4. For tickets call the box office on (01279) 431945 or visit www.playhouseharlow.com.

Band places at Brownstock fest are up for grabs



UNSIGNED and up-and-coming bands have been invited to apply for a place on the line-up of an Essex music festival.

Brownstock, which in recent years has boasted acts such as Dizzee Rascal, Mark Ronson and Tom Odell, is offering local talent the chance of a slot on the bill.

The festival saw 800 acts apply last year and this year's hopefuls have until April to make their case.

Organisers hope to make this year's event, which will take place from July 10-12 at Morris Farm near Chelmsford, the biggest yet.

For revellers, tickets are currently being sold at the same price as last year, at £69 for a weekend ticket, for a limited time.

Any bands that apply to play will be considered and hand-picked by representatives of Brownstock and major artists from the 2015 line-up - for which the first announcement will be on February 23.

Bands hoping to grab a slot on stage should apply at applications.brownstock.co.uk.

Tickets for what will be the festival's seventh year as a public event can be bought at www.brownstock.co.uk.

A feel for Floyd

A TRIBUTE act that prides itself on its accuracy will bring the work of Pink Floyd to the Harlow Playhouse.

Composed of musicians with pedigrees that stretch across all manner of musical genres, The Floyd Effect has toured since 2007.

They aim to faithfully recreate the music and intensity of a Pink Floyd concert without recourse to backing tracks, racks of computers or other technological wizardry.

Every note is played and sung by the band, making each concert a genuine live experience.

Of course, the music is supported by a dramatic light show featuring the iconic circular screen and incorporating some of Pink Floyd's own images and some of the band's own.

The Floyd Effect will appear at the Harlow Playhouse on Thursday, February 26 at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost from £17 to £20.

Fest tickets going

THE first round of early bird tickets for Cazfest have nearly sold out, it has been announced.

The one-day festival, which takes place in Sowers Field, Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, July 11, aims to raise awareness of heart risks in young people, as well as funding heart screening for sixth form students in Hertfordshire and Essex.

Tickets for this year's festival are still available from £18.

To book, go to www.cazfest.com.

Gimme Gimme Gimme an Abba tribute band

THREE decades after the Swedish supergroup's break-up, the spirit of ABBA will be coming to Harlow in the form of a super-trouser tribute band.

Waterloo - The Best of ABBA are a new tribute taking the music of the iconic Swedish four-some on a year-long UK tour, which will include a date at Harlow's Playhouse on Sunday, March 8.

Rob Miles, who takes the place of guitar player and singer Bjorn, said the foursome had been compiled from other ABBA tributes to form one 'super-group' for the tour.

"I've been playing Bjorn for over 15 years," said 34-year-old Rob,

"I was a session guitarist and it all started one

night when I was asked to play for a show, but I didn't realise it was an ABBA tribute. Since then I've been playing all over the world.

"This current tour began with the idea to get all of the best ABBA tribute performers together for one show."

Rob said that the four were chosen as being the most like the original group, both in their performances and their likeness in appearance.

"Our show all sounds like ABBA and unusually we all look like the band.

"I have been mistaken for being Bjorn in the past, and I've been told I am a particular good likeness for him in the ABBA world.

"Unusually we do all look like the band too and there's no need for wigs as it's all our own hair," he laughed.

"People have described us as the most authentic ABBA tribute going."

The Harlow show will be early on in their mammoth 60-date tour which began in January after three months of rehearsing together.

"The music is phenomenal. We open with *Mamma Mia* and my personal favourite is *Gimme Gimme Gimme* because of the great guitar part, but I love all the songs," he said.

Tickets are on sale now from the Playhouse box office on (01279) 431945 and cost from £17.50

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My favourite things



My features are usually based around new products, make-up, hair, salon treatments and lifestyle – I'm not paid to 'advertise' products, nor do I get commission.

What this means is I can be picky when I choose what to write about. Trust is a big part of what I do, so I only feature those which I give full approval!

Once in a while though I come across products that are so good I ring up my mum and friends, squeal excitedly and demand they go and get them.

So far this year, I've discovered some absolute gems and as I'm a generous soul, I'm going to share them with you!

Bravura 15% Glycolic Acid Treatment Serum, £17.99/10% Glycolic Acid, £9.59

www.bravuralondon.com

I'm an honest lady and if you read my previous features you may have seen I tried Botox injections. I loved the way my lines diminished but it's an expense I can't justify.

A teacher at a renowned beauty college recommended Bravura's range of Glycolic Acid Treatments to me. Glycolic Acid is otherwise known as a 'Chemical Peel' and is an alpha hydroxyl acid, which dissolves the glue that keeps dead skin cells together. This in turn renews the skin and gives a firm and even-toned complexion.

Usually performed by dermatologists, Bravura's range of acids, are gentle enough to use at home without compromising on results – and the price is good. Both can be used together as the serum has been partially neutralised and therefore works over a period of

time. Understandably, many people are alarmed by the use of 'acid' but shouldn't as long as used correctly – note people suffering from Rosacea or who are pregnant/breastfeeding should avoid. However, if you suffer from acne, pigmentation (sun damage), fine wrinkles, enlarged pores and age spots then I would 100 per cent recommend these treatments. From my very first application, my skin was left baby soft and I've been told I look radiant, despite having been in hospital!

It is imperative that instructions are followed, including the use of an SPF of at least 15 with any Glycolic Acid product.

Paul Mitchell Neuro Smoothing Iron, £89.95, www.paul-mitchell.co.uk

Christmas just gone, I was sent some curling tongs from the PRs at Paul Mitchell, and so impressed was I with how quickly they tonged my daughter's thick hair, that I wrote to them and asked if I could try the smoothing irons in the same range – I was not disappointed. They heat up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit within 30 seconds, and thus my daughter's very thick hair, to her delight, was straightened within 15 minutes (it usually takes 45 minutes). I have tested many straightening irons in the past from all price brackets and these are without a doubt the best I've used.

Kiss Gel Dress, £5.99, Kiss LED Lamp, £38.00, Double Up Top Gel, £13.99, [stockist Superdrug](http://stockist.superdrug)

Imagine the sound you'd make if Christian Grey was wrapped up in a parcel and sent to you via DHL – well this wasn't far off my ecstatic scream. Gel nails have become increasingly popular, but usually you'd have to visit a salon to get them done – not any more. KISS have the whole kit, including the LED lamp, to give you're nails that professional look and it's as easy as 1, 2, and 3. Best of all

you can choose not only from colour, but a variety of nail wrap designs, which you simply press onto the nail, paint on the top coat, then cure under the lamp for 60 seconds. Voila! Nail designs that will last for up to two weeks. Brilliant for everyone (especially teenage girls) and it saves so much money from those fortnightly salon trips!

Hair Today Hair Mascara £9.95, www.rowlandspharmacy.co.uk, [stockist Rowlands Pharmacy](http://stockist.RowlandsPharmacy)

I asked my friend the other day if she had coloured her hair, she usually has some grey but it just looked glossy brown. She mentioned that she had used hair mascara – I was so impressed that I asked for some to be sent so I could test it out. I can't afford to colour my hair like I used to, and also regular colouring when I only have a couple of greys seems like a waste of money. I tested the above in medium brown and was delighted that my few greys disappeared immediately. Its semi-permanent, lasts from 7-14 days and didn't run down my face in the rain! Perfect if you can't get to the hairdressers or if you simply would like a change!

Ayumi Organic Virgin Coconut Oil, £7.95, www.ayumi.co.uk

Coconut Oil has taken the lead for all wonder, multi-purpose products and it's easy to see why. Rich in essential fatty acid omega 6, it helps to repair and soothe skin. The uses of coconut oil fill a whole page but I find it particularly excellent for dry skin, dry cuticles, as a hair mask, massage oil and lip balm. I put a dollop in my hands, rub together until it has melted and slather all over my face, hair and ankles. Of course it can also be used for cooking and I often add a teaspoon to smoothies, porridge, curries and even in my coffee!

■ Follow me on Twitter @askmollybeauty or email molly@askmollybeauty.com

STEP into spring

Put your winter coat into hibernation. Lisa Haynes unveils the finest cover-ups to see in spring





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When it comes to investing in a good jacket, trends aren't usually top of the agenda. But this season, it's a no-brainer.

Every key silhouette and texture is echoed in the biggest catwalk trends for spring/summer 15.

Whether it's Burberry's busy patterned trench or Gucci's seventies suede, there's a designer-inspired cover-up to keep out the chill.

The real bonus? It doesn't matter what you're wearing underneath – let your new jacket do all the new trend walking and talking.

Here's our guide to the top coats to take you from winter to spring.

The Buttons

Clean, simple coats come accompanied with statement buttons for spring. Opt for oversized in a contrasting colour to your jacket for the biggest impact. Boden's lightweight Eliza Coat comes in 'the' lavender hue of the season, so you can work two major trends in one, £189 (www.boden.co.uk).

The Trench

The ultimate transition shape is the fluid trench. With a relaxed silhouette that should move with every spring breeze, it's halfway between coat and kimono. Lighten up with Primark's Pale Blue Trench, £23 (www.primark.com), or go for a neutral hue with Marks & Spencer's Autograph navy trench, £99 (from mid-February; www.marksandspencer.com).

The Suede

Meet your need-to-know fabric for this season. Thanks to the heavy Seventies influence, soft suedes are big news. If buttery camels and beiges are a step too far, try R.J.R. John Rocha at Debenhams' relaxed khaki tone suede jacket, £250 (available March; www.debenhams.com).

The Citrus

No matter if the sun is in short supply, soak up this season's zesty coats instead. In sunshine yellow or muted lemon, it's an instant outfit brightener. Opt for a strict, collarless shape with exposed zip, or add a squeeze of femininity with La Redoute's straight-cut collarless coat with back bow detail, £85 (www.laredoute.co.uk).

The Denim

Do not underestimate how big denim is going to be for spring. The trend has extended to the jean jacket, making it one of this season's hottest cover-ups. Maintain a grown-up aesthetic with dark washes, like Next's denim jacket, £30 (www.next.co.uk).

The Floral

The perennial trend for spring has cultivated gargantuan bold blooms on coats, thanks to Burberry's catwalk. Keep your florals bold and bright to hit the right mood. Monsoon's on-point Pixie Duster Coat, £69, can be worn with polo-neck jumpers now through to white dresses in high summer (uk.monsoon.co.uk).

The Khaki

If you're struggling to be parted from your winter parka, switch to spring khakis. With a military undertone, look for utilitarian details like pockets, zips and belted details. Stand to attention with Marks & Spencer's Autograph khaki jacket, £79 (available March; www.marksandspencer.com).

The Stripes

Goodbye polka dots, this season is all about linear overload. Wearing bold stripes in deckchair-inspired colours instantly says 'summer wardrobe'. For something more muted, try White Stuff's Noviascotia biker jacket, in a grey, navy and yellow stripe combo, £89.95 (www.whitestuff.com).

The White

Banish black for crisp, fresh whites. It's the neutral colour that will work for winter or summer; if you pick the right silhouette. Mint Velvet's longline biker jacket toughens up any outfit and looks equally as sharp worn closed in the cold or open for spring layering, £159 (available mid-February; www.mintvelvet.co.uk).

BUTTON UP: Boden's lightweight Eliza coat, boden.co.uk

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Mike's TV Film of the Week

SCI-FI: 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY BBC2, Friday, February 20, 11.05pm

The caption tells us it is 'The Dawn of Man'. A small group of plant-munching apes are living in a barren landscape with only tapirs for company. Another group of apes appear – the way they creep up suggests this could also be the dawn of the SAS – and chase them away from their waterhole. After an uneasy night's sleep, they awake to find a large, smooth black rectangular monolith has appeared from nowhere. This gives one of them an idea. He picks up a bone and hits some other bones with it and, hey presto, meat's on the menu. Thus armed, the apes take back their waterhole, beating the other group's alpha male to death (it's just not his dawn). A bone is thrown into the air and we leap forward 4 million years as it turns into a spacecraft. No caption for this bit. Dr Heywood Floyd is on a secret mission to the moon, where a discovery has been made. They don't know what it is, just that it's magnetic and was deliberately buried 4 million years ago. When Floyd and his pals get to the site, it turns out to be another black monolith. Are they going to start hitting each other with bones? No, these are men of science, so they pose for a photo instead, before being deafened by a high-pitched whine. The captions are back for the third part, 'Jupiter Mission 18 Months Later'. Involving a pair of astronauts and a softly spoken, megalomaniac computer, it is by far the best bit, so I won't say any more. The final section, 'Jupiter and Beyond the Infinite', defies description anyway. So how on earth did this cold, pompous, patience-testing, mind-numbing tosh acquire a reputation amongst otherwise sensible types as one of the greatest films ever made? Perhaps only a being from a far more advanced world than ours can provide an answer. It's certainly a visual tour-de-force, but the images don't convey anything other than their own brilliance – they are self-indulgent and empty. The storytelling is hopelessly bungled, monotonously paced and pointlessly opaque, and the philosophy behind it is like a stoned teenager's idea of profundity, while the actors are given nothing to work with – the standout performance comes from the computer. This is the film that cemented Stanley Kubrick's reputation as a towering genius of cinema, so it has that to answer for as well.

Don't miss it though – it has to be seen to be disbelieved.

Mike Whiteway



TELLY ADDICTS: Sandy and Sandra on Gogglebox

Gogglebox

REALITY: CHANNEL 4 Friday, February 20, 9pm

Watching people watching telly doesn't sound like a recipe for great entertainment but Gogglebox has proven itself to be television gold. Back for a fifth series, it won a Bafta last year and is one of Channel 4's most popular shows. Tune in as Brixton best friends Sandy and Sandra (above), posh B&B owners Steph and Dom, Brighton hairdressers Christopher and Stephen and more hold forth on what they're viewing, with conversations which are probably more interesting than the programmes in question anyway.

Will is showing his shadier side

He's come a long way since his Fresh Prince days, but **Will Smith** is channelling his inner bad boy for new movie *Focus*. The much-loved actor talks shoplifting, chemistry and being authentic with **Susan Griffin**

Will Smith is in confessional mode, revealing he stole from a shop in Las Vegas. But before you think one of Hollywood's most affable actors has lost his moral code, it was in readiness for his role as a con artist in new film *Focus*.

Part of the preparation was being partnered up with Apollo Robbins, one of the world's leading experts on deception.

"He said, 'I'm going to need you to walk into that store and I want you to steal something and come out. We'll give it back, but I just need you to see what it feels like'," recalls Smith who, understandably, had his reservations.

"I was like, 'dude, look at me. Everybody knows who I am'. But it was really interesting. It's such a terrifying feeling, and that thrill, it makes it beautiful and exciting."

Since bursting onto the small screen as *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* in the early Nineties, Smith's earned a reputation as one of the most likeable men in Hollywood.

For that very reason, the film's writers and directors John Requa and Glenn Ficarra (who helmed *Crazy, Stupid, Love* starring Ryan Gosling), thought Smith would be the perfect choice to play a man who can draw anybody in, but it's simply a facade for the cool calculation that lies beneath.

"I thought the screenplay was a brilliant combination of comedy, drama, psychology and intrigue. It demanded a wide spectrum of behaviour, and I was inspired by the challenge of it," says the West Philadelphia-born actor.

"And it just hit me at a great point in my life, where it fitted with the material I was looking for and the things I wanted to do," adds the 46-year-old.

He describes his character Nicky as "one of the smartest, most dysfunctional people you'll ever meet".

"He understands human nature and human behaviour. There are very few people with that level of depth and comprehension, but he got his heart broken when he was little and he's not yet learned to use his powers for good."

Smith had been looking for something that was "parallel" to what was going on in his life, and, he says, "vulnerability and authenticity" were at the forefront.

"I thought *Focus* was such a genius way to talk about the absolute necessity for authenticity and openness to create an environment for love. For this character to have that struggle was perfect for me."

Nicky becomes romantically involved with novice con artist Jess

(Margot Robbie), but as he's teaching her the tricks of the trade, she gets too close for comfort and he abruptly breaks it off.

Three years later, Jess is an accomplished femme fatale who shows up in the middle of the high stakes race car circuit, throwing Nicky's meticulously planned scheme, and his feelings, through a loop.

The pair make brilliant sparring partners on screen, and Smith recalls how they clicked from the get-go – despite him mistaking her dishevelled appearance (due to a long-haul flight and lost luggage) for a lack of interest in the project.

"My first thought was, 'Oh, she doesn't want this job', but then we started talking and working, and all of a sudden, we clicked."

Chemistry isn't something that can be faked, he adds.

"You either have chemistry with people or you don't, and you can have the best actors and directors and screenplay in the world, but if your leads don't have chemistry, it can kill everything."

To showcase the finest details of Nicky and his team's thievery, every move, however subtle, needed to be caught on film, which is why Robbins, known as 'The Gentleman Thief', was brought on board. He taught the cast tricks of the trade and demonstrated that, rather than divert someone's eyes, you need to divert their focus.

"We're going to get all deep, but what I learned with Apollo is that everybody's running a con," explains Smith.

"When you wake up in the morning, you choose the things – the clothes you wear and how you do your hair – that present the image that you think is going to get you the things that you want."

"Until you can take that mask off and bare yourself, warts and all, you can't have the love that was the reason you put the mask on in the first place, and there's really no way around that existential loneliness."

A running theme throughout Smith's work is the father-son relationship, and *Focus* is no different, as Nicky grapples with his childhood experiences.

"I don't look for that, but I tend to be attracted to projects that have a father and son component," says Smith, who's father to Trey, 22, from his first marriage, and Jaden, 16, and Willow, 14, with his wife of almost 18 years, Jada Pinkett-Smith.

One of his outstanding examples was 2006's *The Pursuit of Happyness*, which saw a young Jaden star as his on-screen son. The role earned him a second Academy Award nomination (his first was for his portrayal of legendary boxer Muhammad Ali in 2001's *Ali*).

"It's a really huge honour to be nominated for an Academy Award,



Jennifer

Cake

DRAMA (15) 102 minutes

Director: Daniel Barnz

Starring: Jennifer Aniston, Adriana Barraza, Sam Worthington, Anna Kendrick, Felicity Huffman, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, William H Macy, Evan O'Toole, Chris Messina

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but for me, it doesn't go beyond fun. For me, the beautiful time is those couple of weeks before the Academy Awards, when there are the best parties on Earth. It's actually anti-climactic when you get to the awards – it's almost like the fun is over."

He insists *Focus* is the first film he's made that he's approached simply with the aim of having fun.

"I don't care if it's number one or if it's 10, I cannot allow myself to

be defined by the success or failure of my movie," he states.

"It was hugely liberating for me and I'm going to shift from the goal orientation, which made me crazy for a couple of years, to path orientation and being in the moment.

"Things are really good," adds Smith. "I'm loving my life and I'm excited to see where the great river takes me."

Focus is on general release from Friday, February 27.

CONS TOGETHER:
Will Smith as Nicky Spurgeon and Margot Robbie as Jess Barrett

Aniston shines in half-baked Cake

The embittered protagonist of *Cake* has been so deeply scarred – physically and emotionally – by her pain that she is toxic to everyone who orbits her.

In Daniel Barnz's film, this font of bile and foul-mouthed misery is portrayed with bedraggled hair and make-up disfigurements by Jennifer Aniston.

It's a compelling dramatic performance, stripped bare of vanity, which reminds us that the Los Angeles-born actress is much more than the romcom girl next door.

Unfortunately, Aniston's eye-catching work is the glistening cherry on top of a half-baked drama that proves increasingly hard to swallow.

If scriptwriter Patrick Tobin had treated his mix of misfit characters with more care and sieved out some

of the implausible dramatic detours, Aniston would probably have secured her first Oscar nomination as Best Actress.

Claire Bennett (Aniston) survived the car crash that shattered her body but her road to recovery is agonisingly long and winding.

She can't sit or stand without enduring shooting pain, which she curbs by popping prescription medication like candy.

Her despairing husband Jason (Chris Messina) and friends have abandoned her, driven away by Claire's perpetual meanness – everyone except for her maid Silvana (Adriana Barraza), whose devotion to an uncaring, self-destructive boss is a complete mystery to everyone, including us.

"I pay her to care about me. It's not my fault she gets sentimental,"

observes Claire by way of a feeble explanation.

When Nina Collins (Anna Kendrick), a fellow member of a chronic pain support group, commits suicide, Claire develops a new addiction: gate-crashing the grief of Nina's husband Roy (Sam Worthington) and young son Casey (Evan O'Toole).

However, Roy doesn't intend to don his shining armour and makes this clear to Claire.

"I can't save you. I can barely save myself and my kid," he confides sombrely.

Cake is an uneven bake, distinguished by Aniston's committed performance and a warm, empathetic supporting turn from Barraza.

Even when the rest of Barnz's film crumbles, which it does frequently,

their sisterly solidarity holds our interest.

Throwaway interludes with a hunky gardener (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) and a man from the past (William H Macy) sit awkwardly with scriptwriter Tobin's efforts to insert Nina's ghost into proceedings.

Kendrick has fun as this spectral voice of waspish reason, berating Aniston's short-tempered, selfish haridan, who is acutely aware of the role she plays in her miserable fairy-tale existence.

"Tell me a story where everything works out in the end for the evil witch," sourly jokes Claire.

That story would be *Cake*.

Damon Smith

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HOME ENTERTAINMENT



DOGS OF WAR: Brad Pitt leads his men into battle

WAR DRAMA FURY (15)

Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, DVD £19.99, Blu-ray £24.99 or on-demand from various streaming services

Eight weeks after he enrolls in the US Army as a clerk typist, Norman Ellison (Logan Lerman) is assigned the position of assistant driver in a tank christened *Fury* under the command of Sergeant Don 'Wardaddy' Collier (Brad Pitt). This battle-weary veteran began the war in Africa and moved to Europe, killing numerous Germans along the way. Aided by the rest of the tank's crew, Boyd Swan (Shia LaBeouf), Trini Garcia (Michael Pena) and Grady Travis (Jon Bernthal), Collier gives Norman an initiation he will never forget on a series of missions led by Captain Waggoner (Jason Isaacs). Three other tanks commanded by Sergeant Binkowski (Jim Parrack), Sergeant Davis (Brad William Henke) and Sergeant Peterson (Kevin Vance) flank *Fury* as the US soldiers push on towards Berlin.

Directed with testosterone-fuelled swagger by David Ayer, *Fury* is a familiar picture of the hell of war, studded with polished dialogue that doesn't quite ring true. Pitt leads the cast with a strong performance as a battle-weary commander, who holds back a tide of anguish until he is alone and can allow sobs to shake his scarred body. Lerman is equally compelling as a naive whelp, who develops a taste for killing Nazis. Ayer repeatedly sates a thirst for close-up gore with expertly choreographed battle sequences between ground troops.

Damon Smith

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CHEERS: (l-r) James Torble from Happen Hosts with Alex Maclean, manager of The Ale House with a selection of the original beer mats

Pictures By Amelia Bullett

The art of DRINKING

BEER drinkers will get an original work of art served up with their pint as part of an unusual exhibition.

Called IN KEEPING, the event will see pieces merge in with the pub décor on the walls and on the beer mats at The Ale House on Viaduct Road, Chelmsford from February 14-26.

This unconventional display is the first major exhibition by Happen Hosts, an Essex arts collective made up of recent graduates.

The artists have varied backgrounds and artistic skills but they have come together after discovering a shared interest in opening art up to the masses and bringing more visual arts to the county town.

This exhibition in the Ale House will see prints, paintings, videos and a screen projection on the walls and ceiling of the pub. It's hoped that this will

bring the artworks to the attention of people who may not otherwise step foot inside an art gallery.

The Ale House manager, Alex Maclean, has also concocted two ale cocktails as part of the exhibition. The original mixed drinks, called Gincen Van Gogh and Rumbant, will be available throughout the event.

"We don't believe that art can only happen in the confines of a gallery," said Happen Hosts member James Torble, who is also an associate artist at gallery firstsite, Colchester. "That's why we've teamed up with The Ale House, to catch the commuters and punters sipping their evening pint."

"Contemporary art can seem a bit elitist but we want to open up art to as wide an audience as possible," James added. "Some of the artwork will literally be underneath your pint on a beer mat."

The four core members of Happen Hosts are James, Natalie Long, Jess White and Rachel McGivern.

James has two pieces of art in the IN KEEPING exhibition. The first is a video he painstakingly recorded of streetlights being switched off all over Essex at night which he described as having a "beautiful and calming" effect. He also has a print of an aerial shot of a piece of art he made in a crop field during the Tour de France.

The exhibition is sponsored by SEO specialists, Freelance SEO Essex.

■ The IN KEEPING art exhibition runs from February 14-26 at The Ale House in 24-26 Viaduct Road, Chelmsford CM1 1TS.

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ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 20

I know you and your close ones have had some differences lately, but all of the signs have been under more stress than usual. Pressures ease from Wednesday so use midweek to find some common ground. Text messages may not convey the truth so go to the source to get the real story. Give me a ring now to hear how Mercury promises planning ahead reveals revelations.

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TAURUS APRIL 21 – MAY 21

This is shaping up to be a memorable week. I'll be experiencing feelings which will change the way you view your future, what you want to do with it and who you want to spend it with. Venus helps you to be proud of your emotions and to wear your heart on your sleeve. New projects started now help you to better understand your family's recent reactions. Call now for more.

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GEMINI MAY 22 – JUNE 21

Try to check your texts and your diary as a forgetful mool could see you overlooking plans which will affect an important relationship in your life. It seems some of the signs have been emotionally manipulating you and the sooner you stand up to them, the better you will feel. Talk, don't shout to keep control of the situation. Ring now to hear who is playing games in business.

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CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You journey through February with the knowledge that you're in control of something you couldn't deal with at the beginning of the year. Time was all you needed to shape up your life and to get the trust and faith from a close one that was needed. A lie is revealed and you are left in a precarious position. Do you know what to do with such information? Ring to hear why no action is best for now.

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LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 23

Don't let disagreements get out of hand but, rather than fall out this week, why don't you agree to disagree. Being different is, after all, what makes life so interesting. Travel plans you may think of rejecting are worth reconsidering. You'll see why on Friday when you've heard what a third party's ideas can bring to the table. Ring now to hear how Venus makes you a braver sign in love.

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VIRGO AUGUST 24 – SEPTEMBER 22

You had a plan in life and it was a good one, but someone seems to have moved in and walled off all over your plans. Money may be tight mid-week, so try not to over commit yourself or you could end up putting pressure on an already tense situation. Cancelled travel plans turn out to be a blessing in disguise, so don't resist them. Ring now. I want to tell you how proud I am of you.

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LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

You may find yourself running low on energy, due to the unfair pressures that both work and home life have put upon you. Try to create a more sensible schedule for yourself. You've been burning the candle at both ends. It's worth your while double checking figures and sums, especially to do with your home outgoings. You'll be in for good news if you do. Ring now to reveal all.

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SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Don't say things you don't mean just to get back at those who have left you feeling red faced and embarrassed. The best way to show you've moved on is, well, to move on Scorpio. Don't flirt with those you know aren't free at the weekend. You're meant for bigger and better things and as confidence flows over you on Monday you'll soon see which path is yours. Ring now for a peak at your future.

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SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 20

Are you really trying as hard as you can with your close ones, or have you put up barriers on purpose to save yourself from feeling at a disadvantage? If it's the latter, then try to think about what benefits showing your true colours could have. Being yourself throughout this week is sure to bring not just but several suitable friends and lovers your way. Ring now for a full update.

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CAPRICORN DECEMBER 21 – JANUARY 20

You've made lots of new friends who have shown you how much fun life can be. It's made a big difference to how you feel. Don't let younger people take advantage of you or emotionally control you. The past is in the past and you can't keep paying for mistakes which were made long ago. A sense of humour in work earns you supporters in high places on Friday. Ring now for a life prediction.

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AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 19

You're going to find it difficult to get others to stick to plans this week and a more flexible attitude is sure to pay dividends. The Moon makes it hard for you to trust on Friday, but be careful of accusing close ones of things they may not have done. Travel plans make your summer one to look forward to. Give me a ring now to hear how Mercury can help you earn money and have fun.

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PISCES FEBRUARY 20 – MARCH 20

Don't create a bigger problem than is necessary out of a setback which doesn't seem to be anybody's fault. If you're looking to blame, then perhaps you should be looking to rest too, as it's clear you took on too much last month. Admitting what you don't want to cope with can help you see receiving help from unexpected places. Ring now to hear how major life decisions loom.

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid in such a way that every row and column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

Easy

		4	7	2	
5				7	1
	9	5			
	8	1	6	4	5
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Medium

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	5			1	
6	7		2		

Harc

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9	5		2	4	3

Killer

For Killer Sudoku, the normal rules of Sudoku apply. However, in addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dotted lines) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

	1	2	3	4		5	6	7
8						9		
10						11		
12								
15		16				17		
						18		
	19					20		21
22								
23								
25				26				

ACROSS

- 1 Supports, but not for long (7)
- 5 Some men idealise this girl! (4)
- 10 Soft metal Edward begged for (7)
- 11 Nothing in sin, but the power of speech (5)
- 12 Another topic about the eye (5)
- 13 Vehicle under which to stick short element (6)

- | | | |
|----|--|--|
| 15 | Weird lad, more than likely! (4,2) | player, very big (7) |
| 17 | I smoke out Arctic dweller (6) | 9 Seven-foot rye harvested now and again (5,2,5) |
| 19 | Greek character removing lice from centres (6) | 14 He's not wrong, yet initially shows integrity (7) |
| 20 | Copper goes into one, with perfect timing (2,3) | 16 Face absorbing pot daily (7) |
| 23 | Some North Indian language (5) | 18 Sets fire to offal (6) |
| 24 | Go as fast as possible – result of treading on the fire? (7) | 21 The sovereign's hit on the head (5) |
| | | 22 Bogus uncle traps husband (4) |

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the highlighted square, follow a continuous path to find the listed words that can follow 'service'. The trail passes through each and every letter once and may twist up, down or sideways but never diagonally.

BREAKING
COMMUNITY
CUSTOMER
EMERGENCY, LIMITED
LIP, LONG
MILITARY, NATIONAL
POSTAL, PUBLIC
SECRET, SILVER
SUNDAY, TABLE
TEA, TELEPHONE
TRAIN, WORLD

P	E	L	E	L	B	R	E	I	S	S
H	T	E	L	I	A	T	V	L	P	U
O	R	E	I	M	C	O	M	L	I	N
N	O	M	T	E	D	U	M	Y	A	D
E	T	C	L	A	N	N	I	Y	P	U
B	S	U	T	I	O	Y	T	C	N	B
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E	I	A	R	T	T	I	E	M	E	I
A	W	O	R	R	Y	L	O	N	G	C
K	G	D	L	A	T	I	L	S	O	P
I	N	S	E	C	R	E	T	T	A	L

FUTOSHIKI

Each line across and down is to be filled with the numbers 1 to 5. The same number cannot occur more than once in any line. Your only clues are the numbers given and whether a number is greater than (>) or smaller than (<) the adjacent number.

TOTALIZED

The 25-second ultimate challenge from Puzzler Brain Trainer. Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end.

EASY	100	$\times 4$	HALF OF IT	$+ 73$	$- 93$	$\div 10$	$\times 7$	$+ \frac{1}{2}$ OF IT	$- 105$	$\div 12$	ANSWER	
MEDIUM	200	$+ \frac{1}{10}$ OF IT	DOUBLE IT	$\div 40$	$\times 9$	$- 35$	$\times 3$	$+ 14$	$- \frac{4}{5}$ OF IT	$\times 4$	ANSWER	
HARDER	300	TREBLE IT	$\div 4$	$- 150$	$\times 6$	HALF OF IT	$- 107$	$+ 14$	$\div 4$	$\times 7$	ANSWER	

QUICK CROSSWORD

← Both sets of clues fit both grids →

ACROSS 25 Off target (4)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1 Pilfers (7)	26 In the customa
8					9		5 Butt-end (4)	way (2,5)
10					11		10 Early aircraft (7)	DOWN
12							11 Unoccupied (5)	2 Joyous (5)
			13				12 Forget your lines! (3,2)	3 Annoyance (12)
15	16			17		14	13 Alternate (3-3)	4 All the same (4,2)
			18				15 Certifier of deeds (6)	6 Tree-shaping (7)
19				20	21		17 Colouring pencil (6)	7 Young men (4)
22							19 Percolate (6)	8 Enduring, lasting (7)
23			24				20 Fish with a	9 Parties (12)
25			26					14 ... (7)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Totalized: EASY=114 MEDIUM=13 HARDER=184

Sudoku: Easy				Sudoku: Medium				Sudoku: Hard				Sudoku: Killer				Futoshiki				Pathfinder				Quick Crossword				Cryptic Crossword																	
4	9	8	1	6	2	8	3	5	7	9	8	3	2	6	4	1	6	5	9	7	1	2	3	5	4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9											
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DRIVE



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Thursday, February 19, 2015

SIX-PACKED

AT A GLANCE

- **CAR:** Audi A6 range
- **PRICES:** £31,955-£36,580
- **CO2 EMISSIONS:** From 113-119g/km
- **PERFORMANCE:** [S6] 0-62mph 4.4s/top speed 155mph
- **FUEL CONSUMPTION:** [2.0 TDI ultra] (combined) 64mpg
- **STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES:** Stability control, ABS, twin front and side airbags
- **WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?** Length/width/height mm 4922/1874/1461



TESTED Audi A6 range

Attempt an Audi press briefing and they'll bombard you with comparative data that makes it seem the action of an idiot to buy any vehicle without four rings on its grille.

Take the A6 executive car. The PR-meisters will cherry-pick all of its strongest features, forensically research the weak links in rivals like the BMW 5 Series, Mercedes E Class, Jaguar XF and Lexus GS and home in on them. Ruthlessly.

The thing is, car buyers aren't subjected to such convincing propaganda. They make their own choices and the car manufacturers are often at a loss as to explain why Customer A chose BMW and Customer B

chose a Merc. All Audi can do is continue to improve the A6 if it wants to become the class leader in Europe. Of course, Audi will tell us that it's the class of the field already. We'll leave it to you to agree or otherwise.

The A6 range has been effectively split in two. 'Proper' A6 models are exclusively diesel-powered, while the S6 and RS6 sports models stick with petrol engines. Efficiency has been improved across the diesel range, with the most efficient engine - the 2.0-litre TDI four-cylinder with 190PS - reserved for the ultra versions.

The trio of 3.0-litre six-cylinder TDI 'clean diesel' units kicks off with a single-turbo V6 with 218PS, and

is followed by a 272PS variant, also with a single charger. At the top of the range, the 3.0 TDI clean diesel biturbo produces a hefty 320PS. The high-performance diesel is paired with an eight-speed tiptronic automatic transmission.

All other engine variants are linked to either a six-speed manual gearbox or a seven-speed S-tronic twin-clutch transmission. In the versions with front-wheel drive, a fully redeveloped dual-clutch transmission replaces the unpopular CVT box. Quattro all-wheel-drive is available in conjunction with all engines bar the 2.0-litre TDI, and in versions with 272PS and above, it can be supplemented with a sport

differential.

Sports suspension lowered by 20mm is standard for the A6 S line and optional for the SE model and the former can be rooted to the Tarmac even more firmly by S line sports suspension which lowers the body by a further 10mm. Alternatively, the cushioned comfort of electronically-controlled adaptive air suspension is available in conjunction with both specification options. The Audi drive select dynamic handling system is standard.

The S6 and S6 Avant are powered by a 4.0-litre TFSI V8, with twin turbos helping it to 450PS. That's enough to catapult the saloon through 62mph in 4.4

seconds. The sports differential is standard, as is air suspension, which lowers the body by 20 millimetres. Matt black brake calipers grip the front discs mounted behind the 19-inch alloys. The monster RS6 Avant tops the range, its 560PS V8 jetting it to 62mph in a mere 3.9 seconds and on to a top speed of 189mph.

The styling changes are evolutionary and most wouldn't spot them unless they had the old model as a guide. Revisions have been made to the single frame grille, the air inlets, the bumpers, the side sills, the rear lights and the tailpipes.

The headlights have also been uprated, with xenons as standard for SE models and LED

headlights with dynamic 'sweeping' rear indicators for S line versions and above. The interior includes a wraparound dash with low key but high quality detailing follows Audi's latest design theme.

The Avant version features a 565-litre load bay that can be expanded to 1,680-litres. The S line versions used to exclusively feature a black interior but the colour palette now extends to a Lunar Silver upholstery and headlining option.

There are also a number of detail enhancements, including an upgrade from dual-zone to four-zone climate control, revised gear lever designs and extra chrome garnish.

Prices start at around £32,000 for the 2.0-litre diesel in SE trim.



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Amount of credit.....	£12,750.00
Total interest charges.....	£2321.98
Interest rate (fixed for duration of agreement).....	4.58%
Representative.....	8.9% APR
36 monthly payments of.....	£292.43
1 final payment of.....	£4,544.50
The guaranteed future value is.....	£4,544.50
Total amount payable inc. deposit.....	£17,221.98
Duration of agreement.....	37 months

Rio 1.25 Special Edition VR-7 5 Door, White

Cash price on the road inc 3 years servicing plan.....	£12,195.00
DEPOSIT KEN BROWN MOTORS PAY THIS FOR YOU.....	£1,225.00
Amount of credit.....	£10,970.00
Total interest charges.....	£2008.44
Interest rate (fixed for duration of agreement).....	4.58%
Representative.....	8.9% APR
36 monthly payments of.....	£249.54
1 final payment of.....	£3,995.00
The guaranteed future value is.....	£3,995.00
Total amount payable inc. deposit.....	£14,203.44
Duration of agreement.....	37 months

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DEPOSIT KEN BROWN MOTORS PAY THIS FOR YOU.....	£1,500.00
Amount of credit.....	£11,585.00
Total interest charges.....	£2062.06
Interest rate (fixed for duration of agreement).....	4.58%
Representative.....	8.9% APR
36 monthly payments of.....	£274.96
1 final payment of.....	£3,748.50
The guaranteed future value is.....	£3,748.50
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(11) Renault Grand Modus Dynamique Auto 5DR, in black, low mileage, FSH, half leather, air con, auto lights, abs, full electric pack and more	£5995 or £25pw
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(56) Toyota Yaris 1.3 T-Spirit Auto, in silver, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition throughout, fitted with many factory extras, value	£4495 or £18pw
(56) Nissan Note 1.6 SE Auto 5DR, in silver, fitted with many factory extras, very economical, immaculate condition throughout, superb value at	£4495 or £18pw
(11) Citroen C1 VT, in saturn, immaculate condition throughout, only 12,000 miles from new, fitted with many factory extras, just £20 RFL, value at	£4495 or £18pw
(07) Nissan Note SE DCI Diesel, in blue, one owner, main dealer FSH, immaculate throughout, air con, full electric pack, auto lights, CD and more	£4495 or £18pw
(08) Toyota Auris 1.6 T-Spirit 5DR, in blue, one owner, FSH, with extras including alloys, air con, cruise/traction control, full electric pack and more	£4695 or £19pw
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(61) Chevrolet Cruze LT Auto 5DR, in black, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, alloys, climate/cruise control, parking sensors and more	£5995 or £25pw
(07) Ford Fiesta 1.4 Zetec Diesel 5DR, in blue low mileage, low mileage, stunning condition throughout, fitted with many factory extras, great value	£5995 or £25pw
(12) Vauxhall Astra Sportive CDTI Diesel 125 Van, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, immaculate condition, Bluetooth, 6 speed and more, value	£5995 + VAT
(59) Hyundai i30 Comfort 5DR, in blue, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition throughout, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, great value at	£5995 or £25pw
(10) Peugeot 207 SW Sport Auto Estate, in grey, one previous keeper, low mileage, main dealer FSH, pan roof, climate control, alloys and more	£5995 or £25pw
(60) Kia Venga 2.0, in silver, low mileage, low insurance, main dealer FSH, remainder of manufacturers warranty, with many factory extras, value at	£5995 or £25pw
(06) Vauxhall Meriva SE MPV, in blue, low mileage, FSH, with many factory extras including pan roof, air con, full electric pack and more, value	£6495 or £26pw
(59) Vauxhall Astra 1.6 SE 5DR, in saturn, one owner, FSH, superb condition, with many extras including air con, alloys, full electric pack and more	£6495 or £26pw
(61) Citroen C3 Exclusive HDI Diesel 5DR, in silver, one owner, main dealer FSH, £20 RFL, alloys, climate/cruise control, full electric pack and more	£6495 or £26pw
(61) Mitsubishi Lancer G22 Di-D Diesel 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, Bluetooth, 6 speed, parking sensors, sports seats and more	£6695 or £28pw
(07) Kia Soul 2 CRDI Diesel 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, alloys, air con, full electric pack, abs, CD and more, value at	£6995 or £29pw
(11) Ford C-Max Zetec Diesel, in blue, one owner, low mileage, FSH, superb condition, fitted with alloys, air con, abs, CD, full electric pack and more	£6995 or £29pw
(10) Skoda Octavia SE TSI 5DR, in silver, low mileage, main dealer FSH, 6 speed, alloys, air con, Bluetooth, full electric pack and more	£6995 or £29pw
(62) Nissan Micra Acenta Auto 5DR, in black, one owner, FSH, immaculate condition throughout, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, great value	£6995 or £29pw
(61) Mini Cooper S Convertible, in black, fitted with many extras including leather, alloys, climate control and much more, superb condition throughout	£6995 or £29pw
(58) Volkswagen Golf Match TDI Diesel Auto, in black, superb condition throughout, FSH, fitted with many factory extras, very economical, value	£6995 or £29pw
(58) Suzuki Grand Vitara 5DR Auto, in blue, low mileage, service history, alloys, climate/cruise control, CD player, full electric pack and more	£6995 or £29pw
(13) Volkswagen Up Move 1.0, in black, one owner, only 9000 miles, FSH from new, low insurance, very economical, air con, abs, CD and much more	£6995 or £29pw
(60) Saab 9-3 Aero 1.9 Diesel, one owner, service history, full leather, heated seats, climate control, alloys, parking sensors, full electric pack and more	£6995 or £29pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

(61) Alfa-Romeo Giulietta 1750 TBI Cloverleaf 5DR, in saturn, one previous keeper, FSH, 6 speed, half leather sports seats, climate/cruise and more	£10,495 or POA
(62) Ford B-Max Titanium 1.0 Eco Boost (New Model), in black, one owner, FSH, only 2000 miles, £30 RFL, twin sliding rear doors, Bluetooth	£10,495 or POA
(61) Volkswagen Golf Match TDI Diesel 5DR, in white, one owner, main dealer FSH, £30 RFL, alloys, air con, abs, cruise/traction control and more	£10,695 or POA
(58) BMW 318i SE Auto, in grey, one owner, FSH, only 24,000 miles, full leather, climate/cruise control, parking sensors, alloys and much more, superb	£10,995 or POA
(09) Toyota Prius T Spirit Electric Hybrid 5DR, in blue, one owner, low mileage, service history, sat nav, air con, alloys, £20 RFL, very economical	£11,695 or £POA
(60) Peugeot RCZ THP GT Auto Coupe, in graphite, one owner, low mileage, FSH, full leather, alloys, climate/cruise control, Bluetooth and much more	£11,695 or POA
(61) Audi A1 S-Line Diesel, stunning condition throughout, low mileage, fitted with a vast array of factory extras including half leather, superb spec	£12,695 or POA
(11) Audi A3 Sportback TDI S-Line Diesel 5DR, in blue, one owner, main dealer FSH, sat nav, full leather, Bluetooth, climate/cruise, parking sensors	£12,995 or POA
(12) Volkswagen Scirocco GT TDI Diesel Bluemotion Auto, one previous owner, low mileage, FSH, adaptive chassis control, stop start, Bluetooth	£13,695 or POA
(59) Audi A5 TFSI Quattro SE, in black, one owner, low mileage, FSH, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, top specification vehicle, stunning	£13,995 or POA
(12) Kia Sportage Diesel Manual/Automatic, choice of 2, choice of colours, both with manufacturers warranty, both immaculate, value from	£14,495 or POA
(61) Audi Q5 TDI Quattro SE Diesel Estate, in black, FSH, 6 speed, full leather, climate/stability/cruise control, alloys, parking sensors and more	£16,995 or POA
(12) Isuzu Rodeo TD Denver Max LE Diesel Pick-up, in black, one owner, 7000 miles, FSH, crew cab, full leather heated seats, sat nav, Bluetooth	£17,495 + VAT or POA
(11) Mitsubishi Shogun Elegance Diesel Auto LWD 7 Seater, in black, one owner, FSH, full leather heated seats, sat nav, Bluetooth, parking camera	£17,995 or POA
(56) Bentley Continental GT Mulliner Auto, only 22,000 miles, main dealer FSH, sat nav, electric heated leather seats, climate, parking sensors, superb	£41,995 or POA

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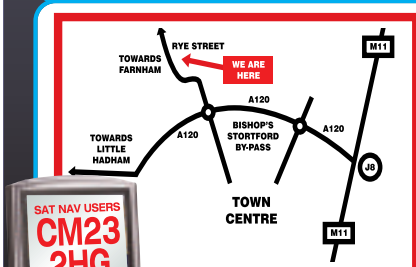
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2011 (11) Porsche Boxster 2.9 2 dr convertible TOP SPEC PORSCHE, Meteor Grey, 28,465 miles, heated seats, black full leather, Porsche communication management system, excellent bodywork, full dealership history. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2005 (55) Volkswagen Touareg 3.0 TDI V6 Sport 5dr NEW AUDI Q7 ALLOYS & TYRES, Diesel Automatic, Black with Black Full Leather Interior, 85,660 miles, 6 CD autochanger, heat insulating tinted glass, Full Service History. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2012 (62) BMW 1 Series 120i M Sport 2.0 Convertible, manual, petrol, 12,922 miles, Heated front seats, Blue Metallic paint, 17 months warranty, Service history, Excellent bodywork, Black Park leather interior - Excellent Condition, Automatic air conditioning - active carbon filter, Rear parking distance control, 17" M light alloy Double spoke wheels. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2008 (58) MERCEDES BENZ B CLASS 1.5 B150 SPORT 5dr, hatchback, 36,240 miles, petrol, manual, grey, air conditioning, alloy wheels, rain sensor, central locking, electric windows. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2008 (08) Land Rover Range Rover Sport 2.7TD 5dr 4WD "Great looking" Diesel Automatic, Black with Full Black Leather interior, Privacy glass to rear of B post, Premium Navigation System, Hawke side vents, Chrome wing mirror casing, Alloy running boards/side step. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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1999 (T) Porsche 911 3.4 Carrera 2dr Turbo Convertible, Silver, 85,000 miles, heated seats, Porsche CDR-22 CD/radio, silver wheel centres with coloured Porsche crest, red leather interior, 6 months warranty, 12 months mot, Full Service History. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2004 (04) Mercedes-Benz SL Class 3.7 SL350 2dr Convertible, Silver with grey leather interior, wood/leather trimmed gear shift & steering wheel, Panoramic Glass Vario sunroof, 92,721 miles Full Service History, Excellent bodywork. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2005 (55) Volkswagen Touareg 3.0 TDI V6 Sport, 5dr NEW AUDI Q7 ALLOYS & TYRES, Diesel Automatic, Black with Black Full Leather Interior, 85,660 miles, 6 CD autochanger, heat insulating tinted glass, Full Service History. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2011 (11) Mitsubishi L200 2500cc 2.50i-D Barbarian Pickup 4wd, Diesel, White, 29,000 miles, Full Service History, black full leather interior, excellent condition, Bluetooth connectivity, cruise control, rear parking aid. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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2012 (12) BMW 3 Series 330d M Sport 2dr Step Auto 3.0, diesel convertible grey "LOW MILEAGE" Only 16,031 miles, Dakota leather, full dealership history, excellent bodywork. Please visit our website www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

£27,000

2009 (59) Volkswagen Passat 2.0 Tdi R-Line Black, estate, manual, diesel, 78,000 miles. Full service history, air con, cruise control, alloy wheels, electric windows. Please visit our website www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

£7,000

2010 (60) BMW X5 3.0TD "Drive40d SE 5dr Diesel Automatic, Titanium Silver Metallic, full leather interior, 77,758 miles, electric front seats, heated front seats, aluminium running boards, roof rails, Full Service History, panoramic glass sunroof. Please visit our website: www.sterlingcarsales.co.uk

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- (11) Citroen DS3 1.6e-HDi DStyle "ZERO TAX!" 3dr, Diesel, Grey, full leather, 111,104 miles **£6,495**
- (07) Audi A3 1.6 Sportback 5dr, 64,000 miles, Blue **£6,495**
- (05) BMW 1 Series 2.0 118i ES 5dr, 52,669 miles, auto, gold **£5,795**
- 2009 (59) Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Zetec, 5dr, "£20 a year tax" Red, 71,630 miles **£5,495**
- (09) Renault Trafic 1996cc SL27 DCi 115 white panel van, diesel **£4,595**
- 2008 (58) Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Sxi 3dr, petrol, silver **£4,995**
- (59) Citroen C3 1.4 HDi Airdream, 5dr, Silver, 50,103 miles **£4,695**
- (59) Peugeot 207 1.6 HDi Sport 5dr, Diesel, 79,849 miles, Blue **£4,495**
- 2004 (53) Honda Accord 2.2 Executive 4dr, full service history, blue **£3,929**

- (09) Peugeot 308 1.4 S 5dr, Blue, 48,340 miles **£4,495**
- (07) Nissan Note 1.6 SE 5dr, Full service history, auto, beige **£4,295**
- 2006 (56) Honda Jazz 1.2i Dsi S 5dr, Full service history, 46,970 miles, red **£3,495**
- (03) Peugeot 206 1.4 LX 3dr, Auto, 64,690 miles, Red **£1,695**
- 2000 (X) Volkswagen Golf 2.0 GTi, 3dr, 132,000 miles, red **£995**

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- (09) Fiat Grande Punto 1.4 Active 3dr, 72,370 miles White **£3,295**
- (59) Hyundai 120 1.4 Comfort 3dr, 72,000 miles, Grey **£3,695**
- 2006 (56) Ford KA 1.3 Style 3dr, 33,300 miles, blue **£1,995**
- (04) Fiat Punto 1.2 Dynamic 5dr 82,585 miles, black **£1,495**
- 2000 (X) Seat Ibiza 1.4 Cool S 5dr 57,000 miles, Grey, Full Service History **£995**
- 1998 (S) Fiat Seicento 0.9S 3dr, 53,695 miles, Blue **£595**

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CAR OF THE WEEK

2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,



£7,495

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

2008 (08) Mercedes A150,



£5,395

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 59,000 miles

2008 (08) Ford Focus 2.0 CC,



£5,495

red, alloy wheels, air con, electric power hood, remote locking, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 53,000 miles only

2011 (11) Renault Clio Estate 1.6,



£6,495

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, Sat Nav, parking sensors, 16,000 miles only, one owner

EXECUTIVE

2003 (52) Bentley Arnage 6.7 Twin Turbo

dark metallic green, light cream quilted leather, phone, sat nav, split rim wheels, 42,000 miles only, history, superb looking car, bargain, cost new £180,000

Was £28,000 Now £24,000

2011 (61) BMW 730 M Sport Diesel Auto,

black, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, heated electric leather seats, Sat Nav, Parking sensors, one owner, remote locking, keyless start, 16,000 miles only, stunning

Was £31,995 Now £25,995

2009 (59) Mercedes E350 CDI Coupe,

black, alloy wheels, climate control, parking sensors, heated electric leather seats, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, 60,000 miles

Was £19,995 Now £16,995

2003 (03) Mercedes SL350 Auto,

silver, alloy wheels, climate control, heated electric leather memory seats, cruise control, Sat Nav, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, electric hood hard top, 59,000 miles

Was £13,995 Now £7,495

2004 (04) Chrysler Crossfire 3.2,

red, alloy wheels, air con, heated leather seats, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 19,000 miles only

Was £6,995 Now £5,995

SALOON & HATCHBACK

2011 (61) Peugeot 3008 1.6 HDi Auto,

bronze, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 8,000 miles only, YES 8,000 miles

Was £11,995 Now £10,495

2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

Was £8,995 Now £7,495

2011 (61) Renault Clio 1.6 Auto,

black, alloy wheels, air con, sat nav, half leather, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 7,000 miles only, YES 7,000 miles

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2011 (61) Peugeot 308 1.6 HDi,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 45,000 miles, £20 a year tax

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2009 (09) Ford Mondeo Zetec TDCi 5dr,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote central locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 47,000 miles

£7,495 Now £6,495

2011 (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi,

grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 39,000 miles only

Was £7,495 Now £6,495

2008 (08) Mercedes A150,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 59,000 miles

Was £6,995 Now £5,395

2005 (05) Jaguar X-Type 2.0 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, 58,000 miles

Was £5,495 Now £4,995

2008 (08) Peugeot 308 1.4,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 53,000 miles

Was £4,995 Now £4,395

2007 (57) Renault Megane 1.6,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 57,000 miles

Was £4,495 Now £3,495

2004 (54) Ford Focus 1.6 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, remote locking, e/windows, CD player, 47,000 miles only

Was £3,695 Now £2,995

FAMILY CARS

2007 (57) Nissan Qashqai 2.0,

beige, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, 42,000 miles only

Was £8,995 Now £7,995

2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

Was £8,995 Now £7,495

2011 (61) Vauxhall Meriva 1.4,

silver, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 17,000 miles only

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2007 (57) Citroen C4 Picasso 1.6 Diesel,

mauve, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 7 seater, 40,000 miles only, one owner

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2011 (11) Renault Clio Estate 1.6,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, Sat Nav, parking sensors, 16,000 miles only, one owner

Was £7,995 Now £6,495

2011 (61) Vauxhall Meriva 1.4,

beige, air con, remote locking, cruise control, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, one owner, 33,000 miles only

Was £7,495 Now £6,495

2011 (60) Vauxhall Meriva 1.4,

blue, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 16,000 miles only

Was £7,495 Now £6,495

2011 (61) Peugeot 3008 1.6 HDi Auto,

bronze, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 8,000 miles only, YES 8,000 miles

Was £11,995 Now £10,495

2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

Was £8,995 Now £7,495

2011 (61) Renault Clio 1.6 Auto,

black, alloy wheels, air con, sat nav, half leather, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 7,000 miles only, YES 7,000 miles

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2011 (61) Peugeot 308 1.6 HDi,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 45,000 miles, £20 a year tax

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2009 (09) Ford Mondeo Zetec TDCi 5dr,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote central locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 47,000 miles

£7,495 Now £6,495

2011 (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi,

grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 39,000 miles only

Was £7,495 Now £6,495

2008 (08) Mercedes A150,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 59,000 miles

Was £6,995 Now £5,395

2005 (05) Jaguar X-Type 2.0 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, 58,000 miles

Was £5,495 Now £4,995

2008 (08) Peugeot 308 1.4,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 53,000 miles

Was £4,995 Now £4,395

2007 (57) Renault Megane 1.6,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 57,000 miles

Was £4,495 Now £3,495

2004 (54) Ford Focus 1.6 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, remote locking, e/windows, CD player, 47,000 miles only

Was £3,695 Now £2,995

2011 (61) Peugeot 3008 1.6 HDi Auto,

bronze, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 8,000 miles only, YES 8,000 miles

Was £11,995 Now £10,495

2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

Was £8,995 Now £7,495

2011 (61) Renault Clio 1.6 Auto,

black, alloy wheels, air con, sat nav, half leather, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 7,000 miles only, YES 7,000 miles

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2011 (61) Peugeot 308 1.6 HDi,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 45,000 miles, £20 a year tax

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2009 (09) Ford Mondeo Zetec TDCi 5dr,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote central locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 47,000 miles

£7,495 Now £6,495

2011 (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi,

grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 39,000 miles only

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2008 (08) Mercedes A150,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 59,000 miles

Was £6,995 Now £5,395

2005 (05) Jaguar X-Type 2.0 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, 58,000 miles

Was £5,495 Now £4,995

2008 (08) Peugeot 308 1.4,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 53,000 miles

Was £4,995 Now £4,395

2007 (57) Renault Megane 1.6,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 57,000 miles

Was £4,495 Now £3,495

2004 (54) Ford Focus 1.6 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, remote locking, e/windows, CD player, 47,000 miles only

Was £3,695 Now £2,995

2011 (61) Peugeot 3008 1.6 HDi Auto,

bronze, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 8,000 miles only, YES 8,000 miles

Was £11,995 Now £10,495

2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

Was £8,995 Now £7,495

2011 (61) Renault Clio 1.6 Auto,

black, alloy wheels, air con, sat nav, half leather, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 7,000 miles only, YES 7,000 miles

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2011 (61) Peugeot 308 1.6 HDi,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, one owner, 45,000 miles, £20 a year tax

Was £7,995 Now £6,995

2009 (09) Ford Mondeo Zetec TDCi 5dr,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote central locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, CD player, 47,000 miles

£7,495 Now £6,495

2011 (61) Vauxhall Corsa 1.3 CDTi,

grey, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 39,000 miles only

Was £7,495 Now £6,495

2008 (08) Mercedes A150,

black, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, CD player, 59,000 miles

Was £6,995 Now £5,395

2005 (05) Jaguar X-Type 2.0 Auto,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, half leather seats, 58,000 miles

Was £5,495 Now £4,995

2008 (08) Peugeot 308 1.4,

silver, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, 53,000 miles

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2007 (57) Renault Megane 1.6,

blue, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, cruise control, CD player, 57,000 miles

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2011 (61) Peugeot 3008 1.6 HDi Auto,

bronze, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, cruise control, parking sensors, e/windows, e/mirrors, one owner, 8,000 miles only, YES 8,000 miles

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2011 (61) Chevrolet Orlando 1.8,

grey, alloy wheels, air con, remote locking, e/windows, e/mirrors, parking sensors, 7 seater, one owner, 26,000 miles only

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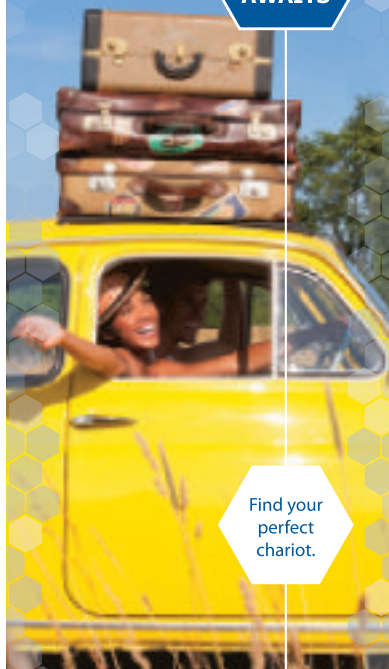
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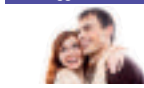
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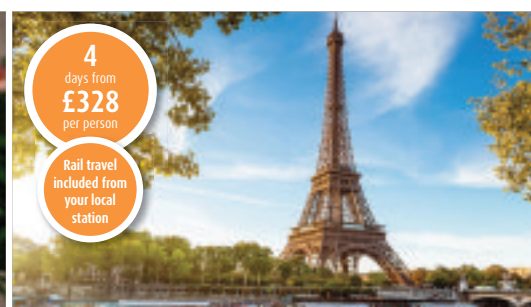
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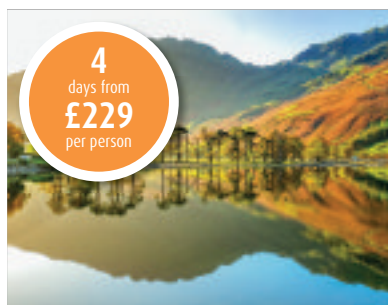
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Cricket

Cricketer hopeful of a G'Day in Test series

Matthew targets whitewash in Australia-England duel

by Alan Scott

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MATTHEW COWDERY is relishing the chance to take on arch-enemies Australia with the England Learning Disabilities cricket team next month.

The 23-year-old all-rounder, from Harlow, is part of a 15-man squad that will head Down Under for the INAS International Cricket Series Australia versus England, which starts on March 14.

With four one day internationals and two T20 matches set to take place in Melbourne next month, England's troops are set to have their hands full against the Aussies.

The last time the two sides met, however, the Three Lions took two wins out of two in a Tri-Nations tournament in 2011.

Whitewash

And Cowdery, who has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and is a former pupil at Harlow Fields School, sees no reason why a whitewash can't be on the cards again.

"It's really exciting to think we are going out to play our arch-enemies Australia. It's going to be a lot of fun," he said.

Cowdery, who plays for Nazeing Common in the Herts & Essex Cricket League, is confident and relishing his first trip Down Under.

"We don't know a lot about Australia as a team, but if we play how we've been training then we will go there and win," he said.

"The team is coming together really well and we have a lot of potential in the side. We've got camps all the way until we leave now so there's lots of work to do

before then.

"I don't see any reason why we won't go there and show that we are the better side.

"I've had a few games for England so far and I've been in the set-up for about two-and-a-half years so I feel like I have good experience and can use that."

Cowdery has been playing cricket for 12 years and also turns out for the Essex disability team.

And he says the chance to play cricket for his country is a dream come true and something he carries into every aspect of his life.

"It's a lot of fun to play LD [Learning Difficulty] cricket or mainstream cricket, it's just a sport that I really love," he added.

"I think everyone's disabilities affect them in some way when it comes to playing cricket.

"I don't think mine has a huge impact because your mind just switches to the game and when I'm playing my mind is just on sport.

"You're concentrating for the whole game and that's it really because I am really focused when I'm playing.

"Cricket has helped me in a lot of different aspects of my life and made me a lot fitter and happier than I would be without it. And then to say that I play for England is just a huge thing for me and something I am so proud of."

■ ECB is an inclusive organisation providing support and a pathway for disability cricket from grassroots to elite. Follow the England Learning Disability squad in Australia at www.ecb.co.uk. To find out how to get involved in Learning Disability cricket contact your local cricket board.



CONFIDENT: Matthew Cowdery, from Harlow, will represent England in Australia

Harlow ready for top test

East Men's Hockey League Division Seven South East	
Harvering III	0
Harlow	6

HARLOW host Division Six South East leaders Wapping on Saturday hoping to avenge the 7-3 drumming they faced last time out.

The team head into the encounter in good heart after moving to seventh following the 6-0 win at Havering thirds last Saturday.

After a break due to postponed matches, Harlow returned hungry and determined for a win, in a match that saw some great attacking play from the away side.

Despite the big scoreline Harlow were lucky not to go behind themselves after an onslaught of penalty corners in quick succession.

The visitors had played ten minutes of the game with ten players due to two separate yellow cards, but the home side failed to capitalise on their opportunities.

The same could not be said for Harlow as they took full advantage of their attacking plays as goals came for Benn Hagger, Andrew Boughtwood, Rhys Mace and a hat-trick for Ben Light.

With the three points secured Harlow defended well, and were able to keep a clean sheet thanks to some excellent saves from the returning Adam Johnson.

HARLOW: A. Johnson, Adams, Castillo, Greenall, Krzoska, K Johnson, Munro, Light, Mace, Hagger, Boughtwood.

Leopards Tee up title charge

ESSEX Leopards will look to get their title charge back on track when they host Tees Valley Mohawks at Harlow Leisurezone on Saturday (7.30pm tip-off).

Last Saturday's over-time loss at Kent Crusaders saw the Big Cats drop down to fourth place in a tight Division One table, and Robert Youngblood's side cannot afford many more slip-ups if they are to become champions for the second time.

Mohawks will arrive in Harlow in ninth place with a 5-8 record and in need of a victory to maintain their hopes of a place in the end-of-season play-offs.

■ More at www.harlowstar.co.uk

Lowe and behold Rob runs new best

HARLOW Running Club member Rob Lowe produced a fantastic performance at the Gunpowder parkrun 5K at Waltham Abbey.

He triumphed out of 96 finishers in a personal best (PB) time for the distance of 17min 45sec.

Another winner was Jamie Jephcott, who secured victory with a top time at the Great Nottley parkrun 5K at Braintree in North Essex out of 120 finishers.

He produced an excellent 19:08, and he was followed by son Daniel in fourth place and first junior in a superb 20:14.

At the Harlow parkrun 5K, fellow club member Jason Haigh finished in 13th place out of 140 finishers in 21:35.

He was followed home by Andy Terrell (14th in 21:48), John Bull (21st in 23:38), Andy Ramage (22nd in 23:51), Paul Dixon (26th

in 24:39), Robin Lozeau (27th in 24:43), Jim Bates (34th and first veteran 70 in 25:24), Justin Patten (39th in 26:14), Debbie Barry (41st in 26:25), Alan Wellbelove (62nd in 28:07), Louise Cootes (68th in 29:04), Pushpa Mistry (83rd in 31:33) and Deborah Bodhanya (102nd in 34:25, in her debut at the distance).

At the Richmond parkrun 5K in Surrey, Richard Solomons came home in 43rd place out of 323 finishers.

He was first in the veteran 65 age group in 21:48.

At the Wimpole Estate parkrun 5K at Royston, Richard Smith was 64th out of 227 finishers in 26:07.

Nick D'Alton finished in 254th place out of 326 finishers at the Welwyn Garden City 10K. He clocked 64:51 in his debut at the distance.

Niaz holds nerve for Hawks win

HARLOW Hawks picked up their first victory of 2015 to reignite their Herts Basketball League campaign.

In a thrilling, close game at Harlow Leisurezone, the Hawks showed some excellent determination in the final minutes to hold on for a 69-65 victory.

With some inspirational words from coach Saul Friedner before the game, the team knew they had to come out strong from the opening tip-off.

The Hawks opened the first quarter with a three-pointer from Shab Niaz (pictured right) followed by scores from Tom White and Russ Allan.

However, the Bulls knocked down a number of easy shots to take the lead in the first quarter. After the first period, the Hawks trailed 19-14.

The second quarter began with scores from Hawks captain Lee Morris and Rimantas Norkeliunas.

Herts Basketball League Division One

Harlow Hawks	69
Bedford Bulls	65



Despite some excellent defence from the Hawks the opposing Bulls kept a five-point lead

throughout the quarter.

At half-time the score was 31-26 in favour of the Bulls.

With better effort on defence and some more superb shooting from Niaz, the Hawks rallied and stormed back into the game with a 13-4 run to open the second half of play.

Scores from White and Alex Hinds kept the game close.

The Hawks were down three at the end of the third quarter.

The Hawks came alive in the fourth quarter, with added intensity on defence leading to scores on the fast break.

Niaz continued to carry the team with a pair of three pointers opening up the lead.

The teams traded baskets until the final play but it was Niaz who calmly knocked down two free throws to seal the victory.

HARLOW HAWKS: S.Niaz (25 pts), R.Allan (12 pts), A.Hinds (10 pts), L.Morris (5pts), T.White (6 pts), R. Norkeliunas (3pts), D. Griffin (2pts), D.Rozgongak (3pts)

HARLOW & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DON WATERS PREMIER DIV CUP, SEMI-FINAL: FC Cincuenta 2 (Ricky Cook), Pools 5; Old Town 1 (Tony Smith) Maiden 5 (Anthony James 3, Dan Gillard, James Waggett), (Final Sun Mar 29, Pools v Maiden at Harlow Arena 4pm KO).

DIV TWO CUP SEMI-FINAL: Parsloe 7, Herald Rovers 3 (Final Sun Mar 15, Ashfield Albion v Parsloe Ath at Harlow Arena).

PREM: Ridsen Wood 0, EKG 4 (Tom Reeves 2, Dalton Chamberlain, Tom Deemer).

DIV ONE: Galacticos 7 (Nicholas Dainton 3, Chris Brown 2, Matt Clarke, Dene Fitch), FC Flare 2, Harberts 3, Jack Hayter 2; Lewis Whittall).

LEAGUE CUP 3RD ROUND: Ridsen Wood (A) 2, Seen FC 3 (Ben Thorpe 2, Lewis Whittall).

DIV TWO: Harberts Res 7, Ashfield Albion 0. DIV THREE: Brays Ath 3 (Arnon Weaving 2, Kirk Giles), Broadley Common 1 (Lewis Kember).

Coppice Row 0, Frontiers Res 2; Maypole Sports 6 (Bogdan Stanciu 2, George Harris 2, Dan Wright, Michael Bogley), A&A 1; Newtown Rings 4 (Tony Williams 2, James Ashman, Tom Mercer), Joga Bonito 0.

DIV FOUR: Barretts Rings 1 (Darren Nelson), Newtown Rings Res 4; Langley FC 3 (Sean McAulay 2, Joe Flintham), Brays Ath Res 5 (Jack Margrain 3, Jack Hayter 2); Sheering Saints 0, Grove & Hove 4 (Tom Day, Shane Hulbert, Joe Linden, Darren Moss).

HARLOW PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE: White Admiral 8 (Andy Booth 180, Keith Arber 180), Golden Swift 0; Servo Link 7 (Paul Holloway 113 & 112 outshots), Sawbridgeworth Brewery 1; Colt Hatch Social 3 (Paul Squirrel 180), Tye Green Pirates 5; Moot House 4, Paringdon Social 4; Tye Green Foxes 5, Green Link 3.

Long-ball tactics frustrate Hawks

STRIKER Alex Read has blasted Wroxham's long-ball tactics as Harlow Town's winless run was stretched to four matches, *writes JACK KINNERSLEY.*

Read hit his 37th goal of the season in the 1-1 draw at The Harlow Arena on Saturday.

He said: "Today they came and frustrated us but we've just got to start winning games."

The play-off chasing Yachtsmen escaped with a point and a frustrated Read bemoaned: "They came here and had a game plan, to be fair they just sat back and played long balls."

"They've hit the bar but they've hit the bar from 30 yards. I don't think they've really threatened us all game, but yes it's frustrating."

"I thought the first half, especially the last 20 minutes, we were all over them. It was just the case of staying on top. Everything they did in the second half was a long-

Ryman North

Harlow Town 1
Wroxham 1

ball counter attack and it didn't really threaten us."

Hawks boss Danny Chapman gave a debut to new signing goalkeeper Andy Walker, who replaced Ed Thompson in goal.

Harlow started brightly and Shane Stamp forced a good low save from visiting keeper Elliot Pride early on.

The referee inadvertently set up Stamp for another chance but Pride saved his blushes with another good save.

At the other end, Walker made a spectacular finger-tip save over the bar to deny Danny White.

The Yachtsmen took the lead on 25 minutes. White drove into the box on the right before rifling a shot into a far corner.

Two minutes later, Wroxham

should have made it 2-0 when Hawks centre-half Josh Urquhart slipped and allowed Kyle Baker to square the ball to Jordan King. However, the forward delayed his shot and Walker saved well.

The hosts stepped up the pressure and finally broke through five minutes before the break.

Urquhart's long ball found Read. The striker let the ball bounce and then rifled a 20-yard shot which dipped under the bar.

The momentum was with Harlow and James Smith produced a fantastic piece of skill on the edge of the box to spin the visiting defender, but his shot crashed against the bar.

After the break, Read was denied by Pride, while Dave Cowley should have done better with another gilt-edged chance which he failed to hit the target with.

Knowing victory was crucial to their title chances, Harlow

pushed on in search of a winner. Read was inches away from poking his side into the lead from Cowley's free-kick.

At the other end, Baker's effort cannoned off the bar with 18 minutes left to play.

Harlow struggled to create too many clear-cut chances in the closing ten minutes as the game petered out for a draw.

With Brightlingsea Regent having overcome Needham Market, it meant the result was enough to keep Harlow a point clear at the top.

But those two games in hand for the Suffolk side are looking ominous, and Chapman's men need results to go their way.

The manager desperately needs an end to this winless run.

HARLOW TN: Walker, Martin, Eadie, Urquhart, Gorbell, Simms, Dadson (Appiah 78), Cowley, Read, Smith, Stamp.



IN THE NET: Alex Read (out of picture) scores his 37th goal of the season against Wroxham on Saturday

Photo by Melissa Page

Harlow rider Bowen unable to spearhead Raiders' new-look side

RYE House Raiders manager Andrew Silver has named Luke Chessell and Luke Priest as the first two riders of his new team as they open their 2015 campaign against Mildenhall on April 4 in the National Trophy.

Silver jnr had plenty of work to do over the winter after being informed he wouldn't be able to bring in Rockets favourite Luke Bowen to spearhead his team.

"We had to wait for confirmation at December's AGM to see if there would be a change in the rules that would permit the use of already our announced No 1, Luke Bowen," said Silver.

"Unfortunately that did not work out as promised, leaving us having to scrap our team plans."

"I was in a dire position of trying to find a reputable replacement."

"Most riders who could do a job at this level were either committed already or had an average that was too high."

"A No 1 with a higher average would have left us with four three-pointers in order to stay within the points limit."

"This would have put pressure on our inexperienced riders to perform and would not have provided an environment suitable for progress."

"In many ways we have had to start from scratch. Promoters can spend years working on a rider persuading them to join a team, we have had less than three months."

"Something as simple as getting people to answer their phone when they don't recognise your incoming number is frustrating enough."

"It's been an ongoing challenge and things have not happened as quickly as you might have expected."

Despite the difficulties the hard work has paid off, with Chessell and Priest now on board.

"We are pleased to say we've got two Lukes for the price of one," said Silver.

"Luke Chessell has ridden for the Raiders before and is earmarked as our new team captain, while Luke Priest is a solid scorer in the National League."

I'm not finished, says Rockets stalwart Len

Speedway club sold but Silver is defiant

EIGHTY-three-year-old speedway promoter Len Silver has defiantly denied rumours of his demise in the sport after the takeover of Rye House Rockets by Buntingford businessman and touring car race team owner Warren Scott.

Silver officially ended his longstanding ownership of the Hoddesdon-based speedway club and its stadium this month after selling it to Warren.

While Silver will continue as head of the Premier League team, his son Andrew steps in as chairman and manager of the Raiders, who make their return in the City Gearboxes National League.

Scott (43) is a farmer by trade but has motorsport in his blood, being a former British Superbike Championship rider and current owner/driver of Team BMR British Touring Car Championship racing team.

Deep seated

He said: "As a local employer there are many areas where we can add value and make a difference to the speedway."

"This is more than just business for me, I have a deep seated interest in bikes and a passion which I am sure can make a valuable contribution to the legacy of Rye House Stadium."

The ownership change sees Andrew Silver, who successfully runs the Rye House speedway training school, take up a more day-to-day management role.

A former England international who rode for the Rockets, Arena Essex, Swindon and Eastbourne during a glittering racing career, Andrew said: "Rye's

speedway fraternity have hit the jackpot. I could not have dreamed for anyone more suitable to take the club forward and cannot wait for the season to start."

However, his father Len was adamant this didn't mean he would be winding down his involvement in the Rockets, who finished bottom of the Premier League last season.

"Firstly, I must say how delighted I am that Warren has extended his motorsport interests after having a go at speedway during one of Andrew's training sessions."

"It is clear that his influence can only do good for the club and the stadium, and I handed it over to him with a good heart."

"For those who consider that this heralds a slackening of my own interest and involvement, then I have news for you."

"I am as keen now as I have ever been and my arrangement with Warren is that I will continue to run Rye House Speedway for as long as I am fit enough to do so."

Silver added: "I will continue to prepare the track as always, and with John Sampford as my right hand man, will organise the Rockets to the best of my ability."

"I am most fortunate that at the age of 83 I am still able to do all these tasks, and indeed during this winter demonstrated that I can still ski 4,000 feet vertical without stopping to take breath."

"So, if you think I'm on the way out - think again."



STAYING HANDS ON: Rye House Rockets co-promoter Len Silver (right) insists he isn't on his way out

Photo by Ian Bush

The only way is Essex success for Penguins

Swimmers' biggest improvement at county champs

Swimming

HARLOW Penguins was recognised as the most improved swimming club in Essex over the last year, after rounding off the 2015 county championships with more stunning individual performances.

Carys Brealey dominated the freestyle events, having claimed the 500m and 100m titles, on Sunday she added the 200m freestyle with an outstanding swim.

Ranked second going into the championships, she clocked 2min 26.12sec for another gold medal, her fifth of the competition.

Her fourth county title was in the 200m breaststroke, where she recorded 3:09.76.

"Carys is an outstanding prospect, but she is more than just a great freestyler, she was placed second in the 100m individual medley (1:16.88), second in the 50m butterfly (34.18) and second in the 50m backstroke (35.77), giving her a total of two golds and three silver medals over the weekend," beamed Penguins head coach Martin Stringer.

"There is no doubt Penguins are producing some of the fastest swimmers in the county."

Achievements

Carys also claimed the 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle races.

Bradley Veitch matched her achievements, winning the 15/U 200m freestyle in 2:00.62, having already banked the other 50m and 100m.

He was third in the 50m butterfly (27.97) and fourth in the 200m breaststroke (2:41.02).

Ewan Bulloch, having qualified for the county champs for the first time this year, was ranked outside the top ten in the 12/U 50m breaststroke, but improved dramatically to record a time of 39.55 and a silver medal and a regional qualifying time.

In the relay events, Ben Stringer, Max Arnold, Alex Knight and Kade Wright produced outstanding split times to claim a bronze medal in the 10/U 4x50m freestyle.



JUST CHAMPION: The successful girls 14/U medley relay (above) of Lauren Nelson, Kate Henshall, Celeste Andrew, Carys Brealey and the boys 10/U freestyle team of Kade Wright, Alex Knight, Ben Stringer and Max Arnold



"With swimmers this young producing medals it really does bode well for the future of Penguins," added Stringer.

Max McAuliffe's time of 2:52.49 gave him third in the 200m individual medley. In addition he was fourth in the 200m backstroke (2:54.06), fifth in the 50m breaststroke (42.61) and, in possibly the

closest race of the championships, was eighth in the 50m freestyle (31.83) just 0.7sec off first.

Hayden Thomas produced an outstanding 50m time in the 17 and over breaststroke. His time of 30.61 was a personal best (PB) and the first time Hayden had hit the 30-second mark.

In the 17/O 100m backstroke,

Penguins had three finalists: Lee Baker was fifth (1:00.97), Tom Stevens was sixth (1:02.21) and Mason Arnold came seventh (1:02.21).

Mason had an outstanding championships, recording PBs in 13 of the 14 events he qualified for.

He was also a finalist in the 50m

butterfly where he was fourth in 26.28.

Jamie McLaughlin was sixth in 26.78.

Mason was seventh in the 200m freestyle (1:58.73) where Lee Baker was fourth (1:57.44), and Hayden Thomas was eighth (1:59.05).

Finals debutant Celeste Andrew added a further two regional qualifying times to her haul in the 50m backstroke (33.60) and the 50m butterfly, where she was seventh in the final in 31.93.

Penguins remaining finalists were: Lauren Nelson 14/U 200m breaststroke (2:58.52), Kirsty Vears 17/O 200m individual medley (2:35.75), Silvester Havrillay 4th 13/U 200m backstroke, Emma Gueratti 8th 11/U 200m breaststroke, the girls' 14/U 4x50m medley relay team of Celeste Andrew, Lauren Nelson, Kate Henshall and Carys Brealey, and the girls' 11/U 4x50m freestyle relay team of Lily Taylor, Ellie Cronin, Leanne Hemmings and Carys Brealey.

Stringer added: "There is no doubt this has been Penguins' most successful Essex Championships for years.

"Five of the club's swimmers have claimed 13 county titles between them.

"There have been a further 29 medallists, in total 22 swimmers have qualified for 105 finals.

"In addition Penguins have claimed a county relay title and finished in the top eight (finalist) in 13 other relay events.

"In terms of overall rankings the club finished eighth in Essex (14th in 2014) and were recognised as being the most improved club in Essex.

"This is a magnificent achievement by the swimmers, it is really pleasing to see the quality of young swimmers coming through, many of whom have come through Penguins own Learn to Swim Scheme and progressed through our Academy squads. The swimmers will continue to improve and compete at the highest level."

If anyone is interested in joining Penguins call 07787 318558, or email join@harlowpenguins.com



Osagie pulls out of Indoor Grand Prix

A HAMSTRING injury has meant Harlow 800m runner Andrew Osagie has had to pull out of this weekend's Sainsbury's Indoor Grand Prix at Birmingham.

It was set to be the Harlow Athletic Club member's last chance to qualify for a place at the European Indoor Championships in Prague in March.

Osagie (pictured above) had attended a winter training camp in South Africa to try and end the injuries which hampered his season in 2014.

His agent, Ricky Simms, told the Star Osagie has decided to end his indoor season in order to focus on the summer programme.

This is when he hopes to secure a place in the Great Britain squad for the World Championships in August.

Osagie could still secure a GB wildcard place for the Euros, which take place in the Czech capital from March 6-8.

However, he is more likely to allow his body to heal and not impact on his bid for a place at the World Champs which are being held in Beijing.

"Andrew's hamstring is still bothering him so he has decided not to race again this indoor season," said Simms.

Meanwhile, 16-year-old Canaan Solomon, a Mark Hall School student, took part in his first senior men's race over five miles at Victoria Park in the Chingford League last Saturday.

From a field of more than 250, Canaan was a highly respectable 13th in 26min 49sec.

At Wormwood Scrubs in the Metropolitan League, Harlow's Hayden Maleary (13), a Burnt Mill student, was fifth in the U13 boys' 3km in 12:42.

In the U13 girls' 3km, Siena Taylor (13), also of Burnt Mill, was seventh in 14:20.

In the U11 1.8km, Harlow's Hollie McArdell (10) was fourth in 7:28.

Over the same distance, St Nicholas pupil Brandon Baldacci was 15th in 7:29.

In the U17 girls 4km, Harlow's Alicia McArdell was seventh in 16:58.

Liam Waldron (12), a Burnt Mill School student, ran the Harlow parkrun over 5km, taking 63 seconds off his PB with a time of 23:15 for 14th overall.

Hockey

Harlow Ladies miss out in quest for top seven spot

HARLOW Ladies missed out on the opportunity of moving into the top seven and leapfrogging their opponents Romford when they lost 5-3 on Saturday.

From the start, inconsistent umpiring decisions and a forbidding opposition made conditions hard for the away team.

The first 15 minutes were dominated by strong Romford attacking.

The visitors defended well with captain Alex Figg and Anita Shearman making many clearing slots from the D.

Harlow finally countered and on 24 minutes won a short

Essex Women's Hockey League Premier Division	
Romford	5
Harlow	3

corner, which saw the Romford keeper save Emma Tweddle's shot.

Harlow didn't wait long to open the scoring, as Georgina Esterhuysen won a second short corner. Tweddle and Carolyn Welsford linked up for a one-two on the edge of the D, and Tweddle slotted the ball home to give Harlow a half-time lead.

Romford came out for the second half hungry for goals. Romford levelled on 39

minutes, but Harlow restored their advantage soon after.

A long ball to the top of the D from Anna Ferdinando was received by player of the match Welsford, who swept the ball into the net.

Stung, the hosts struck twice to put Harlow on the back foot.

With 15 minutes left, Sue Thomas, Bethan Spencer and Kelly Ball skilfully moved the play down the left side of the pitch and a cross to Tweddle at the top of the D allowed her to fire a cracking shot into the goal to make it 3-3.

However, in the dying minutes Romford stole two further goals

to seal the points.

■ HARLOW Ladies seconds head into their title crunch match at home to Chelmsford fifths this Saturday in great heart after a 5-0 win against Romford seconds.

Harlow are five points clear of Chelmsford who have two games in hand, so a win is vital at the Leventhorpe Leisure Centre.

Midfielder Lara Horrax opened the scoring against Romford with a straight strike which deflected off of an opponent's stick and flew into the top right corner of the net.

This prompted a feisty altercation between the Harlow umpire and the away team.

Sarah Donaghey made it 2-0 in the second half when she rifled home a straight strike to the bottom left corner following a penalty corner to the home team.

This was swiftly followed by Horrax's second, a strike from the top right of the D which found the left side of the goal.

Harlow scored twice more for a comprehensive win.

Emily Taylor neatly converted after a scrappy tussle in the D.

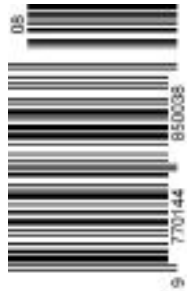
Donaghey scored the final goal of the game with a straight strike following a run from the halfway line. She beat four Romford defenders to score.

■ More hockey on page 53.

Fixtures

Saturday February 21

Football
Ryman North: Cheshunt v Harlow Town.
Rugby
RFU London Div: Three North West: Cantabs v Harlow (2.15pm).



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'I JUST WANT TITLE GLORY'

Read doesn't care for smashing records

by Jack Kinnerlesley

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HAWKS striker Alex Read does not care if he breaks another goalscoring record this season – the only way is up as far as he is concerned.

Read (26) shattered Jeff Wood's Harlow Town goalscoring record from the 1989-90 season when he hit 52 league and cup goals last term.

His goals fired Danny Chapman's men to the Ryman North play-off final but they suffered a humiliating 3-0 loss to Witham Town.

Read netted his 37th goal in the 1-1 home draw with Wroxham on Saturday, and says the Hawks simply must go up to the Ryman Premier this term.

"I'm going to be honest, I'm more concerned about us winning the league, and I know it requires goals to win leagues but I'm more concerned about winning the league especially after the play-off final last year," Read said.

Vital

It doesn't get any easier for Harlow as they visit Chesham on Saturday, managed by former Hawks boss Glen Alzapiedi, with central defender Dave Kendall in the ranks having switched from the Essex side in the autumn.

With 11 games left of the season, every game is vital in the race for automatic promotion but Read doesn't believe every game feels like a cup final just yet. However, he does believe that the experience and disappointment of the last campaign has inspired the team to go one better this year.

"I don't think there is as much pressure on us as that but we have to win as many games as we can," he said.



ON TARGET: Harlow Town celebrate their goal against Wroxham on Saturday

Photo by Melissa Page

"I think everyone associated with the club, including myself, was distraught after the play-off final. I didn't really speak to anyone from the club for a good week.

"We are over that, and we tried to move on and we've been rather decent this year. I don't think it has really affected us at all."

Harlow play Needham Market in the penultimate game of the

season.

At present, Harlow are a point clear at the top but the Suffolk side, who lost on Saturday, have two matches in hand.

Read says a clearer picture will emerge in a month's time, and everyone will know whether that game on April 18 will decide the title.

"We won't know for another four weeks, whether that will be a

game changer," Read said.

"It all depends on the games that lead up to it, it could be done by then, or it could be the decider. Hopefully we start picking up some wins and it's done before then."

Against Wroxham, Harlow gave a debut to new signing, goalkeeper Andy Walker.

He has made the switch from Ryman North rivals Thurrock.



ON THE CHARGE: Shaun Roberts in action against Sudbury

Rams target second spot

THE Rams head into Saturday's tough trip to title-chasing Cantabs full of confidence after a five-match unbeaten run, while skipper Shaun Roberts is convinced the side can still finish second.

Harlow became the first team to take a point off London Division Three North East leaders Sudbury in their last match nearly a fortnight ago.

Having defeated Cantabs at Ram Gorse earlier this season, Roberts knows his side can close the gap on the Cambridgeshire side to eight points with victory.

"We go to Cantabs, who we have already beaten here," said Roberts.

Do a number

"Hopefully we can do a number on them. We have just got to keep going and hopefully push for that second spot."

The captain believes Sudbury – coached by former Rams chief Graham Richards – will win the title. "I think Sudbury are there now, with the fixtures they have got left. In terms of that second spot, three of us are fighting for it. Cantabs are in possession of

it. West Norfolk have got to come here [to Harlow]. They are a really good side," Roberts continued.

Roberts knows Harlow have made fantastic progress since early December. "We turned around some difficult games before Christmas. We went to Old Brentwoods [in January], where we have never won, and we turned them over. Here [we beat] Wanstead as well. We've just got to keep going and working," he said.

Scrum-half Charlie Woodington is set to return against Cantabs after missing the Sudbury match due to a skiing holiday.

This means Director of rugby Lee Harron will not have to play again.

Harron said: "We go to Cantabs, who are second in the league, and that's a massive, massive game for us. It's about keeping this group together."

"To show that sort of character and desire that we have to keep sides out, has been very good. I think we have conceded two or three tries in our last two or three games."

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